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Dr. Sri Shivakumara Swamiji passes away

- **Government holiday tomorrow**
- **Public darshan at Siddaganga Mutt till 3 pm tomorrow**
- **Last rites at 4.30 pm; funeral with full State honours**

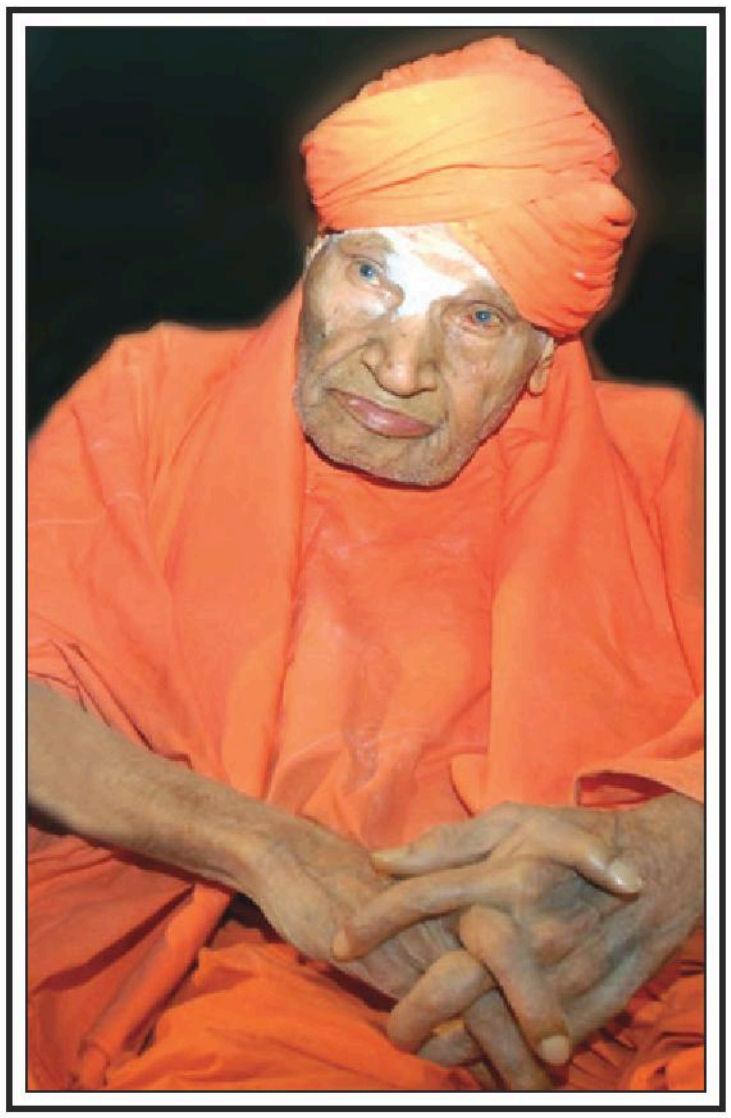
Mysuru/Tumakuru, Jan. 21- Dr. Sri Shivakumara Swamiji, revered by devotees as *Nadedaduva Devaru* (Walking God), passed away at Siddaganga Mutt in Tumakuru this morning. He was 111. Born on April 1, 1907, he was the head pontiff of five-centuries-old Siddaganga Mutt. The Seer died at 11.44 am, said Mutt sources.

The last rites of the Seer will be performed at the Mutt premises tomorrow at 4.30 pm and a government holiday has been declared in the State on Jan. 22.

The official announcement was made by Chief Minister H. D. Kumaraswamy at 2 pm, after receiving confirmation from doctors.

The mortal remains will be kept at the Mutt premises till 3 pm tomorrow. A three-day State mourning has been declared and cinema halls will be shut tomorrow as a mark of respect.

The Swamiji is a recipient of Karnataka Ratna Award, the highest Civilian Honour of the State. The Government of India awarded him the Padma Bhushan. He became a super centenarian on April 1, 2017 and was the only Indian in top 100 of list of the oldest living people.



THE WALKING GOD: ***Dr. Sri Shivakumara Swamiji***
1.4.1907 — 21.1.2019

Shivakumara Swamiji was battling lung infection and had been put on ventilator, according to the doctors treating him at the Mutt. The Swamiji, who showed signs of recovery on Sunday, witnessed complications in the wee hours of today prompting doctors to put him on ventilator support.

Shivakumara Swamiji was an ardent practitioner of Lingayat-Veerashaiva faith and was a highly revered religious leader. He also founded the Sri Siddaganga Education Society. Karnataka government has sought for Bharat Ratna for his social service.

The who's who of State politics including Cabinet Ministers, Opposition Leader B.S. Yeddyurappa and host of other leaders have cancelled their official engagements and have landed at Siddaganga Mutt at Kyathasandra.

Both Yeddyurappa and Dy.CM Dr. G. Parameshwara have been camping at the Mutt and held several rounds of meeting with junior pontiff of the mutt Siddalinga Swami, DC, SP and other district officials.

Police took over the Tumakuru-Bengaluru traffic and the Tumakuru district administration, in consultation with the Mutt authorities, have already banned the entry of devotees and cordoned off the two-kilometre area around the Mutt regulating the movement of vehicles and people around Mutt.

Inspector General of Police, Central Range B. Dayananda is supervising the security measures at the Mutt.

Seven senior Police officers have been deputed in and around Tumakuru to maintain law and order. State Reserve Police force has also been sent to assist the local administration.

Congress MLAs leave Bidadi resort; head to Siddaganga Mutt

Bengaluru, Jan. 21 (KMS& BCT)- The Congress Legislature Party (CLP) meeting that was called at 11 am today at Eagleton Resort on the outskirts of Bengaluru amidst political turmoil over the alleged brawl by its MLAs Anand Singh, J.N. Ganesh and Bheema Naik in a drunken state at the resort was cancelled following the deteriorating health condition of Siddaganga Seer Sri Shivakumara Swamiji.

The meeting was called by CLP leader and former Chief Minister Siddharamaiah to take stock of the lawmakers' fight in the resort, and draw up counter strategies against the BJP's attempts to topple the coalition government.

Even all the Congress MLAs have been summoned to Siddaganga Mutt at Tumakuru and they have left the Eagleton Resort in their respective cars. Siddharamaiah flew to the Mutt in a chartered chopper.

Two Congress MLAs — Vijayanagar MLA Anand Singh and Kampli MLA and Anand Singh's aide J.N. Ganesh – came to blows in the wee hours of Sunday at the resort, putting the party in a tough spot and leaving its leaders squirming. The two MLAs got into the drunken brawl when they were fraternising with fellow district leaders Bheema Naik (Hagaribommanahalli MLA) and recently-inducted Minister E. Tukaram.

While Deputy Chief Minister Dr. G. Parameshwara and Siddharamaiah admitted that they had heard the MLAs had fought, it was Wakf Minister B.Z. Zameer Ahmed Khan who revealed that Anand Singh had sustained an eye injury. According to doctors at the hospital, Anand Singh has suffered a black eye and mild compression on his chest. Dr. Ravi Mohan Rao, Neurosurgeon, said that the MLA was kept under observation.

(See MLAS on page 8)

STAR PUNCH By Satish Acharya

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Business *not* as usual

Even as global rating agencies are taking a close look at the economic ups and downs of different countries with the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) in astronomical proportions, India too joining the league, although slowly but steadily, the nation's States, including Karnataka among the leading regions, have also started talking *business* with the catchy phrase *Ease of Doing Business* invoking both facts and tall claims of facilities supportive of business. The nation's business fraternity of all hues don't seem to be impressed by the publicity bestowed by incumbent governments of the few States offering allurements including land area for establishment of industry at no cost and even financial partnership. Past experience of trusting the governments and facing unanticipated hurdles, primarily the proverbial *red tape*, continue to discourage many well-established corporate sector entrepreneurs. One is prompted to recall the unsavoury statements by a former Chief Minister of Karnataka provoking a top brass in IT sector to threaten to move out of the State.

The factor of acumen to prove staying power in business without sliding into a state of bankruptcy, traditionally, is associated with some well-marked social sections in the land's population. As if to make business an *inclusive* pursuit, it has graduated as an academic subject, thus resulting in the emergence of Business Schools dime of dozen.

Austria-born American management guru Peter Ferdinand Drucker (1909-2005) immortalised himself as an educator and author by laying the philosophical and practical foundations of the modern business enterprises. The various statements of advisory from hard-boiled business folk may help those who have jumped into the whirlpool of business. They have gone on record saying: Failure is not the end of anything, it is the beginning of success. An enchanting statement like nothing succeeds like failure may restore hopes in many who have chosen business as their means of livelihood. Drucker's diktats seem to have come in capsule form attributed to Napoleon Hill (1883-1970) whose work *'Think and Grow Rich'* was rated as 10 best-selling book of all times. His prescription *'A quitter never wins, a winner never quits'* can be highly reassuring.

Even as business schools across the country, far exceeding the number 1,000 seem to be in business as usual as it were, two areas that are luring people to do business seem to be *(a)* Jump into the political pool and *(b)* Start a school, in that order. For many who have chosen either of these pursuits, it may be business *not* as usual, given the too-well-known money-power's role for success.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

Arguably, private schools vary both in quality of service provided and fees charged. Certainly, there is self-selection, namely, parents choose schools depending on what they can afford. But, the stampede is across-the-board. Parent's revealed preference is clear. First, private schools are preferred to government (publicly-funded) schools. Second, there is excess demand for all private schools, irrespective of the fees and quality of services provided. Third, a 25 percent quota exists for the economically weaker sections (EWS) and admissions are lottery-based. They, too, overwhelmingly prefer a private school to a government school.

— Rahul Khullar in Business Standard.

NEWS SPARKLERS

Afghan Hound with the most incredible hair

Beijing: AJ Nirvana Battle, a three-year-old Afghan Hound from China is the canine with the most incredible hair, slender physique and loves posing for pictures.

Kevin Chan, a Beijing-based marketing director, spends six to eight hours bathing and grooming him every seven to ten days, and doesn't mind spending big money on the best grooming equipment and hair products. He claims to have spent around 100,000 yuan ($15,000) on grooming tools for his three-year-old pooch, and spends another 1,000 yuan ($150) on bathing products every week. That's a lot of money, but Chan says it's worth it, as he considers Battle a member of the family.

AJ Nirvana Battle's owner is so proud of his looks that he bought a professional camera and took photography lessons, so he could share the best pics on social media. He regularly posts new photos of the pampered dog on his Facebook page.

Employees forced to crawl for not meeting targets

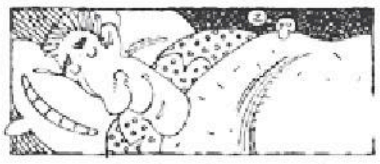
Shandong province: A company in Shandong province in China, has come under criticism for forcing its employees to crawl through the streets as punishment for not meeting sales targets.

The humiliating procession reportedly took place in the city of Zaozhuang on Jan. 14 and was recorded by shocked passersby. Six people were seen crawling on all fours through traffic behind a man carrying a red flag emblazoned with their company's name. With no protection other than their office clothes, the punished staff struggles to keep up with the flag bearer, but somehow find the strength to keep going by the fear of losing their jobs.

Fortunately for the employees and alerted by shocked onlookers, Police arrived on the scene and put an end to their cruel punishment.

HEALTH CAPSULE by Bron Smith

How can melatonin help my blood pressure?



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Lalithakala drawing competition winners

The prize winners are seen with** (sitting from left) **Lalithakala Centre for Visual Arts Vice-President Evawe Prabha; Lalithakala Centre President S. Jayavinu Kumar; chief guest Somashekhar, Mysuru Anitha's Art Classes Art Teacher K.S. Anitha.

Mysuru, Jan.21- Lalithakala Centre for Visual Arts, Bengaluru, a unit of JSE Educational and Charitable Trust, had organised the 13th National-level Students and Art Teachers' Art Competition recently in Mysuru. Lalithakala Centre's Founder-President S. Jayavinu Kumar, Lalithakala Centre Vice-President Evawe Prabha and Anitha's Art Classes Art teacher K.S. Anitha distributed the prizes to the winners.

Colouring Contest winners

Shreyaa R. Deshpande of 9th Std. (St. Joseph's School) - Kala Ratna Padak. The Gold Medallists are: Chinmayi A. Naik of 1st Std. (Acharya Vidya Kula), R. Deeksha of 5th Std. (Nirmala Higher Primary School) and Bharath R. Gowda of 7th Std. (Royale Concorde International School).

Drawing and Painting: M. Tanushree of 8th Std., Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan School - Bronze.

Pencil Shading

Amrutha Bhat of 5th Std. (Nirmala Convent) - Kala Ratna Padak. Gold Medallists: C. Srimayee of 6th Std. (Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan); Bharath R. Gowda of 7th Std. (Royale Concorde International School) and C.A. Deeksha Priya of 8th Std. (The Oxford School).

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VOICE OF THE READER

More on encroachment clearance drive at Doddakere

Sir,

Out of curiosity, after reading the news report ***"Rs.150 Crore Govt. Land Reclaimed — Welfare Association claims ownership of Doddakere land, officials say it's illegal"*** *(SOM* dated Jan. 10), I verified the facts and indubitably Tahsildar's action, of clearing the land and erecting a board mentioning that it is a government land, appears to be *prima facie* illegal.

In the Writ Petition 20243-20245 of 2009 between Doddakere Tank Bund Site Owners and Welfare Association Vs DC, AC and MUDA, the High Court, in its final order on 10.3.2016 (by Justice Anand Byra Reddy) has said while allowing the Petition that:

"Given the rival contentions, the first aspect is as regards ownership. Though this is not a formal suit where a declaration is sought from the material on record, it is evident that though the item of property was reserved under the Treaty of Accession, of the year 1950, that the Doddakere Maidan of which the petitioners' land is a portion, was to be gifted by the Maharaja of Mysore in favour of the State Government. This has not come about. Therefore, if it was evident that it was the absolute property of the Maharaja and if the members of the petitioner — Society had purchased parcels of land under sale deeds and when those sale deeds being set at naught, the State Government would not be in a position to claim the property of the individual members of the petitioner — Society."

"If this aspect of the matter is taken into account, there could not be any impediment in the competent authority having granted sanction of the layout plan if all other material was in order. If once layout plan had been sanctioned on examination of necessary documents in terms of the guidelines prescribed under Section 32 of the KUDA Act, there was no justification in the sanction having been cancelled at the behest of the Assistant Commissioner. If the State seeks to lay claim over the land, it is open for the State Government to initiate appropriate proceedings in law to recover the same not only from the petitioners, but also from other private applicants, who may be in occupation of portions of the Doddakere Maidan and in the absence of which, it would not be possible for the State Government to contend that the layout plan sanctioned in favour of the petitioner ought to be cancelled, only on a partisan opinion that the land belongs to the State Government, without any basis thereof."

"Accordingly petition is allowed. The sanction of the Layout Plan granted in favour of the Petitioner is confirmed."

It is true thereof the Respondents DC and others have filed WA 5128/ 2016 and the same is yet to be admitted. In its order on Writ Appeal 5128/2016, the High Court has ordered issuance of notice in connection with the application for condonation of delay.

The Court also said, "Liberty is granted to the appellants to hand over a copy of the application for condonation of delay to advocate T.P. Vivekananda, who normally appears for the Mysuru Urban Development Authority."

Thereafter the matter has not been listed at all and as such the action by Tahsildar is undoubtedly without authority and needs to be condemned unequivocally. In normal circumstances involving individuals, an FIR and arrest would have been in order. Authorities need to be hauled up for contempt.

— Raja Chandra

Bengaluru
11.1.2019

No power supply on Jan. 23

Mysuru, Jan. 21-Owing to emergency maintenance works, power supply will be disrupted on Jan. 23 between 10 am and 5 pm in the following areas:

Vajamangala, Bhugathahalli, Chikkahalli, Yandhahalli, Varuna, Dandikere, Mosambayyanahalli, Janthagalli, Sajjehundi, Kempegowdanahundi, Badagalahundi, Moodalahundi, Pillahalli, Hosakote, Moraraji Desai Residential School, Puttegowdanahundi, Chattanallipalya, Ramashrama Farm, Bannur road and surrounding areas, according to a press release from CESC.

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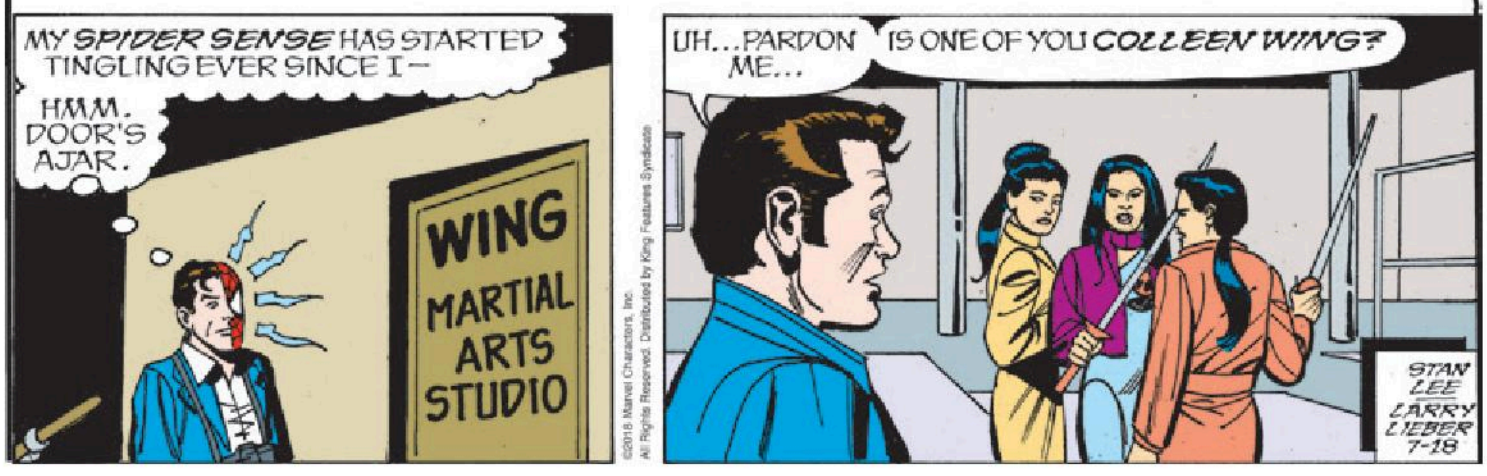
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NEWS BRIEFS

Calling artists to take back art works

With the Dasara exhibition ending on Jan. 9, the Women and Child Dasara Sub-Committee has asked all exhibitors to take back their art works kept for display at Dasara exhibition premises, before Jan. 25. For details, call Mob: 91102-13807 or 96116-00103.

Ph.D awardees

The University of Mysore (UoM) has awarded Ph.D in Library and Information Science to S.R. Manjunatha for his thesis titled 'Use of Information Resources and Services by Students and Teachers of Fashion Design Institution of South India: A study' submitted under the guidance of Dr. P. Saraswathi.

T. Sheela has been awarded Ph.D in Computer Science by the UoM for her thesis titled 'Exploratory Analysis of Microarray Data' [Guide: Dr. Lalitha Rangarajan].

K.B. Poornima has been awarded Ph.D in English by the UoM for her thesis titled 'Interrogating Ecofeminism in the Select Novels of Anita Desai, Namita Gokhale, Kiran Desai and Anuradha Roy' [Guide: Dr. C. Naganna].

Dakshina Bharat Hindi Prachar Sabha, Madras, has awarded Ph.D in Hindi to A.S. Sowmya for her thesis titled 'K. Shivaprasad Simha Katha Sahitya ka Samaj Shastriya Adhyayan' submitted under the guidance of Dr. Amarjyothi.

Unidentified body found

Mysuru, Jan. 21 (KS)- A body of an unidentified woman was found in Varuna Canal near Varakodu in the taluk on Saturday.

The deceased, aged between 25 and 35 years, is 5ft. tall and was found wearing a polyester saree and black blouse when found. Police have suspected that the woman may have accidentally slipped and fell into the canal and drowned.

The kith and kin of the deceased, if any, may contact Varuna Police Station on Ph: 0821-2594411.

CCB cops arrest 5 inter-State house burglars; 28 cases solved

Rs. 10 lakh worth gold, silver articles recovered

Mysuru, Jan. 21 (KS)- The City Crime Branch (CCB) Police have arrested five inter-State house burglars on Jan. 9 and 18. They have recovered gold and silver ornaments worth about Rs. 10 lakh besides seizing various tools used for committing the theft.

The arrested are 27-year-old Bharath of Bagowli village; 25-year-old Kaalu Davar of Tarsinga village; 30-year-old Maan Singh of Bagowli village; 21-year-old Alam Singh of Bagowli village and 47-year-old Paar Singh of Shagia village, all in Madhya Pradesh.

With their arrest, the Police have solved a total of 28 cases — two cases each in Saraswathipuram and Ashokapuram Police Stations, seven cases in Nazarbad, one case each in Alanahalli and Ashokapuram Police Stations in city, four cases each in Shivamogga and Bhadravathi and three cases in Bellur Police Stations besides solving four cases in Tamil Nadu.

Following house burglaries at DFRL, RMP Quarters and other places, City Police Commissioner Dr. A. Subramanyeswara Rao had formed a Special Police team comprising CCB Officers and staff which was led by DCP Dr. Vikram V. Amathe.

The Special Police team, on Jan. 9 conducted an operation at Dr. Rajkumar Park on Harsha Road in Lashkar Mohalla and arrested Bharath and Kaalu Davar along with the tools such as cutter, iron rod, wrench spanners and screw driver used for committing house burglaries and subjected them to interrogation during which the accused are said to have confessed of committing house burglaries along with their accomplices at Mysuru, Shivamogga, Bhadravathi, Bellur and Tamil Nadu.

Based on the information provided by the arrested duo, the CCB on Jan. 18 nabbed Maan Singh, Alam Singh and Paar Singh, who were planning to burgle houses in Hebbal.

Later, the CCB Police visited Madhya Pradesh and recovered the stolen gold ornaments.

Apart from burglary cases mentioned above, first accused Bharath was involved in a total of 23 cases in 2015 at Chittor, Kadapa and Nellor in Andhra Pradesh. He had come out on bail and was committing house burglaries by forming a team.

The accused, who had come to Mysuru by bus, were keeping a watch on houses which were locked using padlocks and on houses where newspapers were found lying on ground since many days. They used to hide in bushes and enter locked houses during night by breaking open the padlocks. They then used to take the booty to Madhya Pradesh and sell them.

Meanwhile, Police said that notices would be served on DFRL and RMP to install CCTV cameras and deploy more security guards at their Quarters.

DCP Dr. Vikram V. Amathe and CCB ACP B.R. Lingappa supervised CCB Inspectors Kiran Kumar, T. Ashok Kumar and A. Mallesh, Sub-Inspector Chandregowda and staff M.R. Ganesh, Asgar Khan, Joseph Noronha, Lakshmikanth, Yakub Shariff, Chikkanna, Ramaswamy, Chandrashekar, Niranjan, Prakash, Anand, Dhananjay, Srinivas, Shivakumar, Gautham, Sunil, Soma and Somachari in the nabbing and seizing operation, according to a press release from the Public Relations Officer (PRO), City Police Commissioner's Office, Mysuru.

Precautions to be taken by residents

As burglars were targeting locked houses, the City Police have asked the public to take the following precautions while going out of station:

The Police have asked the residents not to use padlocks (hanging locks) to lock the house while going out of station but use door locks, inform the jurisdictional Police Station, request the neighbours to keep an eye on the house, ask newspaper and milk vendors not to put papers and milk packets, do not keep more valuables and cash at house but keep them in bank lockers and do not keep jewellery in regular places like almirah or cupboard but keep it in a secret place.

Mother drowns children in water drum, commits suicide

Mandya, Jan. 21 (Nagaiah& KS)- A 25-year-old mother of two children, depressed over incurable skin disease, allegedly drowned her two children in a water drum and later committed suicide by hanging self at her house in Shivanahalli at Nagamangala taluk in the district yesterday afternoon.

While the mother is identified as Shivamma alias Mahalakshmi, wife of Manjunath, a Gram Panchayat employee, the two children are Santosh (2) and Sathvik (7-month-old).

It is learnt that Shivamma and her two children were suffering from skin related ailments and despite medications, they were not cured.

On Sunday afternoon, when the family members had gone out, a depressed Shivamma allegedly killed her two children, kept their bodies on a mat and later hanged herself.

Before taking the extreme step, Shivamma has written two death notes, asking her husband to forgive her in one of the death notes and mentioning about the skin disease in the other note.

Nagamangala Rural Police, who have registered a case in this regard, are investigating.

Two missing from city

Usman *Muskan*

Mysuru, Jan. 21 (KS)- In separate incidents, a teenage boy and a girl have gone missing from Udayagiri Police limits in city.

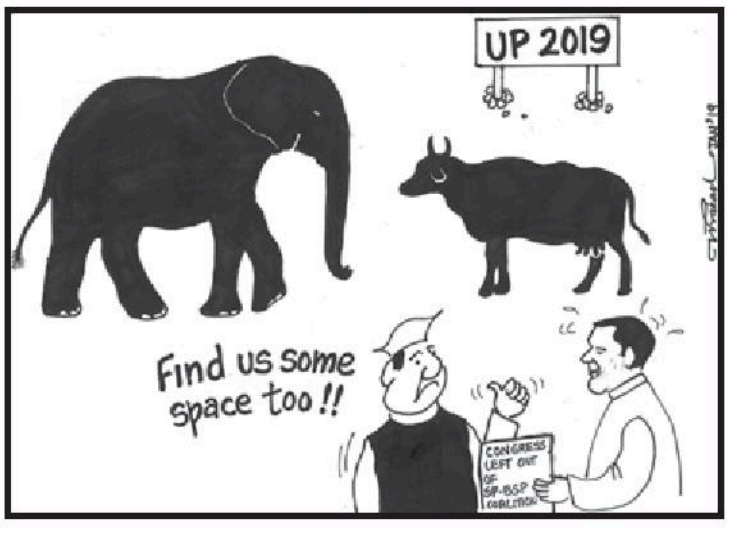
In the first incident, 16-year-old Usman, who left his house on Jan. 13 morning, has since gone missing and a complaint has been lodged by one Manwar in this regard.

In the second incident, 17-year-old Muskan Banu, who left her house at K.N. Pura on Jan. 12 morning, has not returned. A missing complaint has been lodged by her mother Shirin Taj at Udayagiri Police Station.

Those having any information about the missing teenagers, may contact Udayagiri Police on Ph: 0821-2418309 or call Police Control Room on Ph: 2418339.

TEASER

By N. Prakash

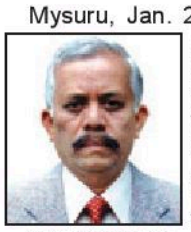


Proposed Road, Railway Projects in Kodagu

HC orders govt. to maintain status quo

These projects will wreak havoc in the district, warns IISc. report

Mysuru, Jan. 21 (BCT)- The Karnataka High Court (HC) has directed the State Additional Advocate General and Special Public Prosecutor to maintain status quo pending disposal of the petitions filed by **Coorg Wildlife Society (CWS)** against the proposed Railway and Highway projects that are bound to destroy the greenery of Kodagu and threaten the existence of River Cauvery, the lifeline of South India.



K.C. Biddappa

Speaking to *Star of Mysore*, CWS President K.C. Biddappa said they had filed petitions in the HC questioning implementation of Railway lines between Thalassery-Periyapatna and Mysuru and Mysuru-Kushalnagar-Madikeri and Mangaluru and also the widening of National Highway 275 that passes through Kodagu from Mysuru via Kushalnagar, Suntikoppa and Madikeri to reach Sampaje in Dakshina Kannada.

Examining the petitions, the High Court has asked the State Additional Advocate General to maintain status quo, he said.

IISc. report

Meanwhile, a report released by the Indian Institute of Science (IISc.), Bengaluru, has warned that the proposed Road and Railway projects will wreak havoc in Kodagu. The report "Environment impact assessment of the proposed linear projects in Kodagu district" has warned the State and Centre not to meddle with the fragile ecosystem of Kodagu by implementing infrastructure and tourism projects that will ultimately prove destructive and counterproductive.

The 264-page report, a part of Sahyadhri Series, has been prepared by Dr. T. V. Ramachandra, Energy and Wetlands Group, Centre for Ecological Sciences, IISc., Bharat Setturu, S. Vinay, Vishnu D. Mukri and G.R. Rao. The study was undertaken in response to a request on March 22, 2018 by Coorg Wildlife Society.

Hotspot of biodiversity

While mentioning Kodagu is a hotspot of biodiversity that is rich in terrestrial and aquatic ecosystems, the report says that evergreen forests in Kodagu has declined by 40.29 percent (from 40.47 to 27.14) from 1973 to 2018 due to activities including rampant tree cutting and the expansion of coffee plantations. "Undertaking major infrastructure projects in Kodagu is inadvisable as even small disturbances could be catastrophic," says the report, recalling the floods and landslides that brought in untold misery and destruction in Kodagu last year.

Threat of floods, landslides

The report discusses in detail projects, including widening of Bengaluru-Bantwal Road, laying roads between Halebeedu-Kutta, Madikeri-Channarayapatna and Mysuru-Thalassery Railway line. "The ecological consequences of Road expansion and Rail network plans would be immense and adverse. Irrational land-use changes will result in a poor hydrologic regime, with the catchment losing the ability to retain water, leading to floods and droughts, landslides and mudslides leading to loss of life and property," it says.

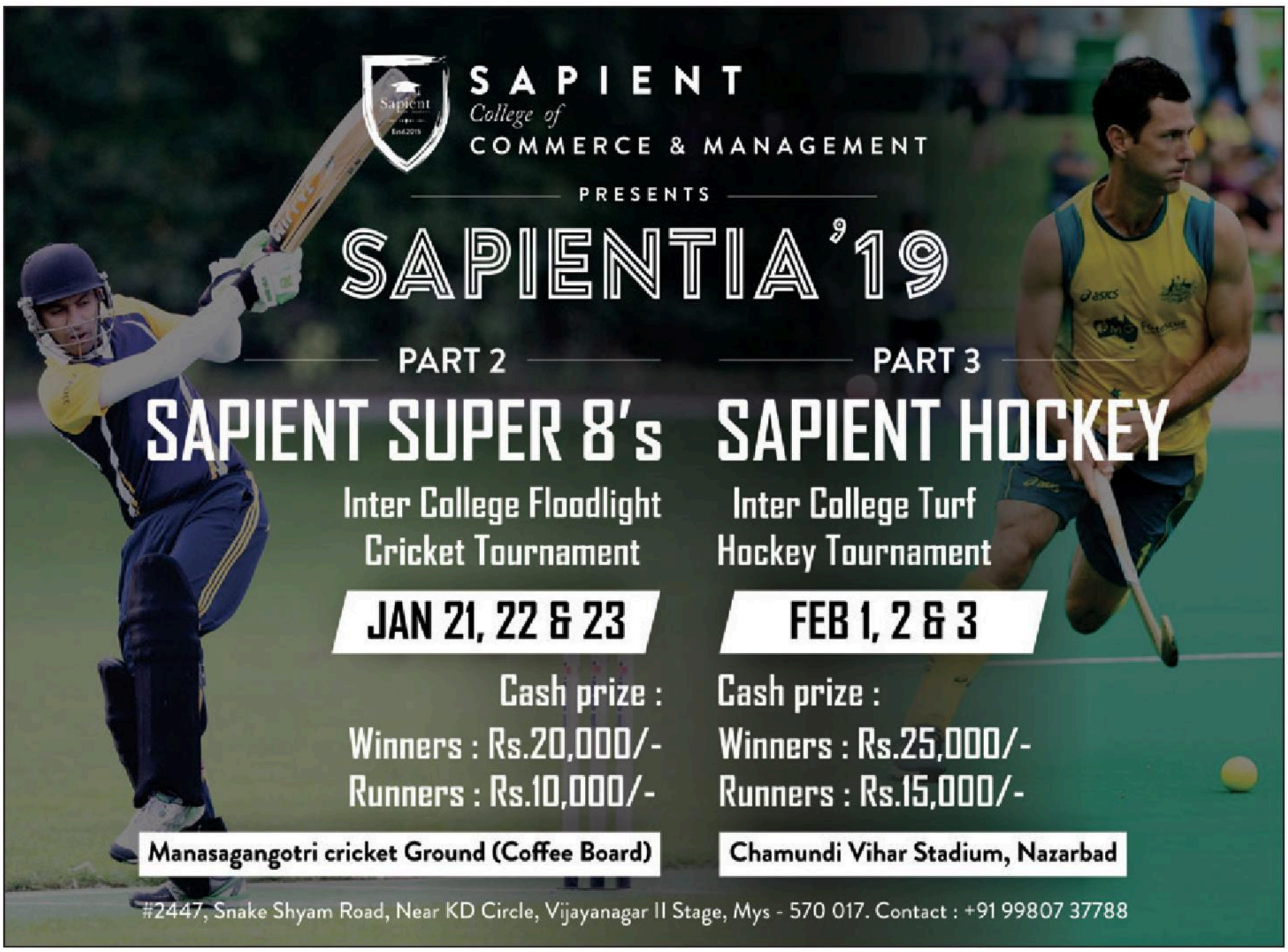
Water scarcity

Increasing development will result in conversion of perennial streams into seasonal streams resulting in water scarcity during non-monsoon seasons, loss of livelihood due to lower productivity, enhanced instances of man-animal conflict, water deficit in major rivers leading to intra and inter-State human-social conflicts. All this will have a negative impact on the ecosystem.

The report identifies 300 ecologically sensitive regions in Kodagu and says that changes in land use will result in habitat loss and fragmentation, wild fires and other environmental degradations, unwarranted deforestation, displacement of people and cutting of thousands of trees affecting wild animals and their movement paths. It will also result in rampant smuggling of timber and forest goods, the report states.

IISc. report recommends:

- Forest Rights Act must be implemented in its true spirit
- Restrictions on large-scale land cover changes
- Prohibitions on environmentally disastrous projects such as river diversions (under the guise of drinking water scheme)
- No new major Roads, widening of Highways
- Encouragement to organic farming
- No monoculture plantation of Eucalyptus
- Promote use of renewable energy sources through incentive-based decentralised electricity generation
- Ban on mining, land quarrying and sand extraction
- No new licences to be given for sand mining
- Ban hazardous or toxic waste processing units
- Protect high valley swamps and water bodies



Annual Status Education Report-2018

*FROM LEFT: **Nataraja, ASER Regional Team; Sheshadri, CEO, Pratham Mysore; Ashvini Ranjan, Managing Trustee, Pratham Mysore and Dr. Bhamy V. Shenoy, Advisor, Pratham Mysore, seen releasing the 13th Annual Status Education Report (ASER-2018) in city recently.***

The 13th Annual Status Education Report (ASER-2018) of Karnataka State was released recently in Mysuru by Ashvini Ranjan, Managing Trustee, Pratham Mysore. Facilitated by Pratham, ASER is carried out by volunteers from local partner organisations in each rural district. **Every year, ASER finds out whether children in rural India go to school, whether they can read simple text and whether they can do basic arithmetic.**

In 2005, 2007 and every year since 2009, ASER has also included a visit to one government school in each sampled village. Since the implementation of the Right To Education Act (RTE Act) in 2010, school visits in ASER have included indicators of compliance with those norms and standards specified in the RTE Act that are easy to measure.

ASER-2018 survey was carried out by around 27 partner organisations and over 1,200 volunteers reached 30 districts across Karnataka. A total of 17,999 households and 29,312 children in the age group 3 to 16 were surveyed.

Following are the key findings from ASER Report (Rural) 2018 for the State of Karnataka:

Schooling levels: Enrolment and attendance

Overall enrolment (age 6-14): For more than ten years, since 2007, the enrolment of children for the age group 6 to 14 has been above 95%. The number of children enrolled in schools stand at 99.3%, which is above the national average (97.2%).

Private school enrolment: Private school enrolment (age 6-14) has increased from 19.5% in 2010 to 29.1% in 2018. Compared to National average and rest of the Southern States, the children's enrolment in private schools in the State, has been low (National: 30.9%, Tamil Nadu: 33.6%, Andhra Pradesh: 35.2%, Telangana: 41.8% and Kerala: 46.9%).

Learning levels: Foundational skills in reading and arithmetic

Reading: The ASER reading test assesses whether a child can read letters, words, a simple paragraph at Std. I level of difficulty, or a story at Std. II level of difficulty. The test is administered one on one to all children in the age group of 5 to 16 and the child is marked at the highest level that she or he can reach.

Std. III: The percentage of children in Std. III who can read at Std. II level has slightly decreased from 19.8% in 2016 to 19.2% in 2018.

Std. V: Nearly half of all children enrolled in Std. V can read at least a Std. II level text. This figure has inched up from 42.1% in 2016 to 46.0% in 2018.

Std. VIII: ASER-2018 data indicates that of all children enrolled in Std. VIII in Karnataka, about 70% can read at least a Std. II level text. This number is unchanged from 2016.

Children from government schools studying in Std. III, Std. V and Std. VIII can read a Std. II level text better than their counterparts in private schools.

Government Vs Private Schools

Children from government schools studying Std. III, Std. V and Std. VIII can read a Std. II level text better than their counterparts in private schools. For example: Percentage of government school children in Std. V who can read Std. II level text has increased from 41.9% (2016) to 47.6% (2018). However, the reading level has decreased from 42.8% (2016) to 41.8% (2018) for private school children in Std. V.

Arithmetic: The ASER arithmetic test assesses whether a child can recognise numbers from 1 to 9, recognise numbers from 10 to 99, do a 2-digit numerical subtraction problem with borrowing, or correctly solve a numerical division problem (3 digit by 1-digit). The tasks are administered one on one to all children in the age group of 5 to 16 and the child is marked at the highest level that she or he can reach.

Std. V: The proportion of children in Std. V, who are able to do division has increased slightly from 19.7% in 2016 to 20.5% in 2018. It is heartening to note that there is larger improvement among government school children (2.4 percentage increase from 2016) as compared to private schools.

Learning Levels: 'Beyond basics'

In ASER-2018, children in the age group 14 to 16 were given a few tasks which required calculations to be done in everyday contexts. Children were asked to calculate time, compute how many tablets would be required to purify water (application of unitary method), figure out where to buy books given two different price lists (financial decision-making), and compute a discount. Each of these tasks was done one on one. Results are reported for those children in this age group who could do at least subtraction correctly.

Gender differences in learning outcomes

Girls outperform boys in both reading and basic math tasks. The proportion of girls in the age group of 14 to 16 who can read at least Std. II level text is 80.4% as compared to boys (72.5%). In basic maths, under the same age group, 45% of girls can solve a division problem as compared to boys out of which, 40.8% can solve a division problem.

Beyond basics

In ASER-2018, children in the age group of 14 to 16 were given a few tasks which required calculations to be done in everyday contexts. Such as calculating time, application of unitary method, financial decision making etc.

Of the 14-16-year-olds who could solve a numerical division problem, 45.7% could compute the time question correctly, 47.5% could apply the unitary method to calculate how many tablets were needed to purify a given volume of water, about 39.0% were able to take the correct decision regarding the purchase of books, and less than 25.5% could compute the discount correctly.

School observations

In 2018, ASER surveyors visited 848 government schools with primary standards. 134 were lower primary schools and 714 were upper primary schools in the State.

Following school observations were made during the visit:

Teacher and student attendance

• No major change is seen in students' and teachers' attendance. Average teachers' attendance has hovered at around 90% and average student attendance at around 85% for the past several years in both lower primary and upper primary schools.

• In lower primary schools, students' attendance remains same as compared to 2016, but in upper primary schools, this has decreased by 4.8%.

School facilities

• The RTE Act was implemented in 2010 and the first cohort of students to benefit from its provisions completed 8 years of compulsory schooling in 2018. In Karnataka, as well as nationally substantial improvements are visible over this 8-year period in the availability of many school facilities mandated by RTE. The % of schools with useable girls' toilets has doubled from 2010, reaching to 66.4% in 2018. Whereas, the proportion of schools with availability of drinking water has only slightly increased from 75.8% to 76.8%.

Physical education and sports facilities

• In 2018, about 9 out of 10 schools had a playground available for students, either within the school premises or close by. Playgrounds were accessible in around 90% of schools in the State.

• Physical education teachers are scarce in schools across rural India and Karnataka as well. Only 1.6% of lower primary schools and 42.3% of upper primary schools had a physical education teacher available.

• Sports equipment of some kind was observed in 51.9% of lower primary schools and 76.4% of upper primary schools during the visits.

Govt. bans film songs, dance during School Day events

Bengaluru, Jan.21- The Department of Public Instructions has banned film songs and dance during Annual Day celebrations at both government and private schools from next academic year.

Officials in the Department of Primary and Secondary Education told media persons that this decision was taken at a meeting recently and an order in this regard has also been issued.

As per this order, the children can sing and dance only to songs based on patriotism, history and mythology reflecting the culture and tradition of the land but not for film songs.

Some schools have already implemented this order strictly and it will be compulsorily implemented in all schools from next academic year. The Department felt that it was not wise for children to perform dance for film songs as it creates negative influences in young minds.

Department of Public Instructions has also banned screening of films to students at subsidised rates in government schools.

The Department issued a circular to this effect after they found that several film producers were approaching government schools and wooing teachers to make their students watch films at discounted rates. They offer discounts ranging from 25% to 50% on the ticket cost.

"We have been receiving several proposals like this and we have also observed that the film producers produce fake permission letters so that students come and watch the film," said a circular issued by S. Jayakumar, Director, Primary Education. He said that several Deputy Directors of Public Instructions were also giving permission to schools to take children for films.

The officials said this had become an "embarrassment" to them as many students were from low economic background and the financial situation of parents was a matter of concern. "When the parents are finding it difficult to make ends meet, making it mandatory to watch films by paying money is not feasible," the official said.

Sahityotsava has inspired me to indulge in further creations: Says Dr. S.L. Bhyrappa

Members of S.L. Bhyrappa Sahitya Pratishtana which organised the two-day S.L. Bhyrappa Sahityotsava-2019 at Kalamandira posing for a photo with the Saraswati Samman awardee. Seen in the picture are (from left) Pratishtana Hon. Secretary Dr. G.L. Shekar, Ranganath Prasad, Rama Rao, Bhavya, Dr. Asha Shekar, Sudha, Chandra Mohan, Usha Swarup, Arpitha Simha, S.L. Ramachandra, Girishchandra, Krishna Prasad, M.S. Lakshman Rao, Shashank Parashar, Uday Shankar, Anuradha and Dr. Uma Ramarao. Sitting along with Dr. Bhyrappa are Bhanumathi, Sohani, Neha and Chetan Gowda.

Mysuru, Jan.21 (PM&BCT)- "I don't think protest literature or literature of protest (refers to works that address to real socio-political issues and express objection against them) can usher in a change in the society and I don't have faith in that sort of literature," said *Saraswati Samman* Awardee Dr. Santeshivara Lingannaiah (S.L.) Bhyrappa. He added that protest literature acts as a supplement for political intentions.

Dr. Bhyrappa was delivering the valedictory address of the two-day S.L. Bhyrappa Sahityotsava-2019 organised by S.L. Bhyrappa Sahitya Pratishtana at Kalamandira yesterday.

Real literature and protest literature

"The concept of protest literature has dominated the literary scene these days. I only have faith in purest forms of literature that is beyond any forms of influence. It is unfortunate that many people are not aware of real literature amidst the clamour of slogan literature," he said.

"Pure literature cannot be influenced and it has its own place. Protest literature is created based on the social and political milieu of a particular region or country. When I started writing, Navya movement began and for Navya writers, a littérateur must also be a critic. Before they publish a book, they used to write reviews in newspapers and magazines and they knew well how to suppress other writers by projecting their own works. In this scenario, how can real literature thrive," Dr. Bhyrappa asked.

After Navya movement, progressive literature, rebel literature, Dalit literature and feminist writings took birth and they began to dictate terms and conditions to writers as they wanted literature to be in accordance to their directives, he said. Many promising writers could not withstand the onslaught of these movements, he opined.

Beyond any sort of influence

"A littérateur must be beyond any sort of influence and he must stay away from social and political activities and he must focus on his writings. It was possible for me to write so many books as I stayed away from such movements," Dr. Bhyrappa revealed.

"In Kannada, literary writers are divided on the basis of ideologies like Marxism, existentialism, feminism, the Dalit movement, the OBC movement, etc. Also, there are readers who follow these ideologies, which are not exclusive to each other, depending upon the political exigencies. Two or more ideologies make temporary alliances as it happens today in Indian politics. There are a few writers like me who strictly believe in pure literary goals. They transcend contemporary ideologies," he explained.

Subject selection

"Selection of the subject is important for the writer. A writer should choose roots of the subject which is universal in nature. Weaving literature around the subject ensures longevity. I realised this during early years of my career as a writer. This understanding has given the touch of longevity to my creations. This is why readers throng for my novels," he said.

"Writers who were active in social and political movements formed groups. Many budding writers lacked courage to face those groups. I started writing during those days of turmoil," he said. "In 1973, my book 'Daatu' was released and till date, no literary work has been able to match my work. The two-day event has provoked me. Any artist will be provoked to indulge in further creations if he realises that people have liked his works of art," he added.

Dwelling further on his books, Bhyrappa mentioned about his work 'Sakshi' where one modern poet had commented why Bhyrappa writes about sex though he (Bhyrappa) is old. "It is unfortunate that the poet has spoken against a fellow littérateur without understanding the context and the thoughts behind the writings," Bhyrappa remarked. "My two works 'Mandra' and 'Parva' have brought me immense satisfaction. A writer must not boast about his own writings and his literary works must display his writing skills," he opined.

Volunteers: The volunteers for this mega event, who were in the age group of 20 to 70 years, came from a diverse group of academicians, software professionals, agriculturists, Indologists, retired professionals, businessmen, students, Doctors, budding Architects, editors and journalists. They were all bound by the common thread of love for pure Kannada literature and especially Dr. S.L. Bhyrappa's literature.

'Literature is not read to find answers to problems faced by society'

Mysuru, Jan.21 (PM&BCT)- Saraswati Samman Awardee Dr. S.L. Bhyrappa said that if beef is banned, then the consumption of other meats must also be prohibited. "No animal must be treated in a cruel manner," he added.

At the valedictory of S.L. Bhyrappa Sahityotsava, Dr. Bhyrappa said that concepts of vegetarianism and non-vegetarianism were derived from Jainism through which these ideas entered our society.

"In the West, the existence of animals is presumed to exist for the consumption of human beings. But in India, we look at animals as having souls and prana (life). All animals feel pain. They feel joy, as much as they feel pain. That is why I advocate the rejection of non-vegetarianism," he said.

Literature and social problems

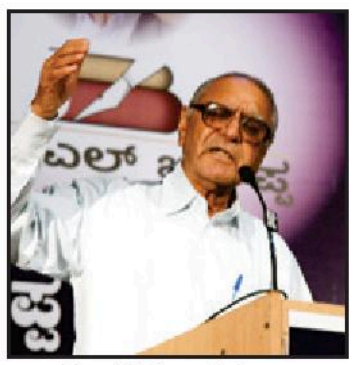
Dr. Bhyrappa said that literary works cannot provide solutions to society's problems. "People do not read literature to find answers to problems nor should they expect them. I confronted these ideological challenges when I began writing 'Tabbaliyu Neenade Magane' and I was aware of the conflict between vegetarianism and non-vegetarianism. Since all Indian religions believe in reincarnation and we believe that souls of our ancestors could manifest in different forms, including animals. Hence, they should not be consumed," he said.

Strong literary foundation

Talking at length on the criticism of his writings, the *Saraswathi Samman* winner said it was his strong foundation in philosophy, arts and aesthetics that helped him stand his ground against the onslaught of such criticism. Taking a dig at those describing themselves as Communist writers, Bhyrappa said, "I have seen many of them perform homas and yagnas at home." Calling on writers to stay away from political and social movements, he added, "In a way, even my critics are responsible for my growth."

Empathy in Bhyrappa's novels

Playwright and critic Nand Kishore Acharya from Rajasthan termed the literature as the process to digest wisdom. "It is the way to explore the freedom," he said. "Novels should touch empathy. Bhyrappa's 'Sakshi' and 'Parva' touch readers' empathy. Description of even minor aspects in his novel is so complete in nature that the narration of rural life of any village in Karnataka becomes the narration of rural India," he added.



Nand Kishore Acharya

"Through his creative writing, Bhyrappa has secured a special place for himself in modern Indian literature," Acharya said. "There is massive crowd in this hall due to affection and respect for Bhyrappa. I haven't seen these many people even for celebrated Hindi writers," he said.

Lamenting the lack of works in Hindi that reflect the socio-political problems plaguing society, Acharya said, "Bhyrappa has discussed these issues in depth in his novels. Writers who acquire knowledge through reading must share it with their readers through their books," he added.

All borewells need to be registered soon

Awareness workshop on 'Groundwater Conservation'

ZP CEO K. Jyoti addressing the gathering during the Awareness workshop on 'Groundwater Conservation' at ANSSIRD in city this morning as others look on.

Mysuru, Jan.21 (MTY&US)- A public awareness workshop on conservation, maintenance and quality control of Groundwater was organised jointly by Ground Water Directorate (GWD) and District Ground Water Office (DGWO) at Abdul Nazeer Sab State Institute of Rural Development (ANSSIRD) here this morning.

About 100 officers of various Departments and members of various organisations participated in the workshop. Resource persons of various Department briefed the participants on various aspects of Ground Water Conservation and monitoring aspects.

Inaugurating the programme, ZP CEO K. Jyoti opined that conservation of Ground Water was essential especially when rainfall is not uniform throughout the State. She contended that the number of borewells should be controlled depending on the water table and added that defunct borewells should be closed promptly. She suggested all Departments to work in tandem with GWD.

Addressing the gathering, GWD Director H.R. Ramakrishna said that similar workshops are being held at taluk and hobli levels. He opined that the natural water cycle was the key factor to help the ground water table. He observed that indiscriminate sinking of borewells should be stopped. He said that registration of borewells would be made compulsory to keep track of the borewells and their maintenance. He stressed the need for closure of defunct borewells which would be a death trap for kids.

Mining and Geology Department Joint Director B. Pandurangа, stating that as only 0.5% of water on earth was available for drinking, conservation of ground and surface water was vital. He suggested farmers to install the right capacity motor for pumps to draw water so as to avoid wastages.

ANSSIRD Director Shilpa Nag and others were present.

Kodagu Mahila Sangha holds contests

Chendrimada Sushila Subramani seen lighting the lamp to inaugurate the cultural competitions organised by Shree Kaveri Kodagu Mahila Sangha at Kodagu Sahakara Sangha in Jayalakshmipuram here yesterday as Chendanda Nirmala Subramani, Mahila Sangha Secretary; Ponjanda Lovely Appaiah, Vice-President; Moovera Bollamma Kuttappa, President; Ittira Dotti Cariappa, Advisor-cum-Founder-President and Machanda Jaya Muthappa, Treasurer, look on. Sangha members and their children took part in various cultural competitions like Dance, Drawing, Singing, Kodava Paat and Pick-and-Speak.

Removal of Government board

Tahsildar lodges Police complaint

Mysuru, Jan.21 (MTY&DM)- Following the incident of miscreants removing the caution board installed by the District Administration in the Government land at Doddakere along M.G. Road in city, Mysuru Tahsildar T. Ramesh Babu has lodged a complaint with Nazarbad Police in this regard.

On Jan.10, a team led by Tahsildar Ramesh Babu reclaimed 11.38 acres of land worth about Rs.150 crore at Doddakere coming under Mysuru Survey No.1, after an association named Tank Bund Niveshanagala Maleekara Sangha (Tank Bund Site Owners Association) had erected a board claiming that the property was owned by it.

After reclamation of the said land, the Tahsildar had installed boards at three points in the reclaimed land, which said that the property belonged to the Government and trespassers will be prosecuted. But some miscreants have removed the caution Boards late on Saturday night, following which the Tahsildar lodged a complaint with the Nazarbad Police seeking action against the miscreants, it is learnt.

Congress MLAs leave Bidadi resort

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Meanwhile, MLA J.N. Ganesh said, "I did not hurt him (Anand Singh). It is all a lie. If he's hurt, I along with my family will go and apologise to him. I, Anand Singh and Bheema Naik had a confrontation; we did not beat each other up. The quarrel snowballed. He (Anand Singh) slipped and he suffered a few injuries," he said.

Lakshmi Singh, the wife of MLA Anand Singh, has threatened to take legal action. "If it is true that Ganesh beat up my husband and my children, I will not keep quiet and will take legal action against him," she said.

Lakshmi Singh is in Mumbai to attend a relative's wedding and is expected to return to Bengaluru soon. She said: "I do not know whether Ganesh provoked my husband, but can anybody try to kill somebody for provocation? Is it right?"

"I will not spare him. I will not keep quiet. I will certainly initiate legal action against him. Our loyalty to the party is secondary," she added. Meanwhile, it is learnt that Siddhartha Singh, the son of MLA Anand Singh, will file a Police complaint against Kampli MLA Ganesh.

Zilla Pathrakartara Abhyudaya Sangha launches loan scheme

Mysuru, Jan.21 (RKB&US)- Mysuru Zilla Pathrakartara Abhyudaya Sangha launched its loan scheme for members at a function held at Pathrakartara Bhavan here recently.

ZP In-charge President S.R. Nandish launched the loan scheme and distributed loans to ten members of the Sangha.

Speaking on the occasion, Mayor Pushpalata Jagannath appreciated the good move of the Sangha to provide financial help to journalists. However, she appealed scribes to adhere to financial discipline and repay the loan promptly on time.

MLC Marithibbegowda present on the occasion hailed the Sangha for launching the loan scheme just two years after its inception.

Karnataka State Co-operative Federation Director M.N. Sumana was felicitated on the occasion.

Sangha Founder-President K. Deepak, Directors S.T. Ravikumar, Hanagodu Nataraj and others were present.

Calling NGOs to open Old Age Homes

Mysuru, Jan.21- The Department for Empowerment of Differently Abled and Senior Citizens has decided to extend the opening of old age homes in all revenue divisions in all districts for the year 2018-19.

It has invited applications from NGOs to open and maintain the same in Hunsur and Mysuru revenue division. The Government will provide Rs.8 lakh grants for annual maintenance of old age home including food, clothing, medicine, shelter, entertainment and other facilities to inmates.

Interested NGOs must be registered two years back and must be ready to take care of inmates irrespective of caste, creed, religion and language armed with sufficient staff, space and all basic facilities. NGOs must be financially sound to open old age home. Interested may obtain the prescribed forms from the office of the Department and submit the filled-in forms before Jan.28.

For details, contact the Office at DRC Building, Pulikeshi Road, Tilak Nagar, Mysuru-570001 [Ph: 0821-2490111].

Hanur Temple Tragedy

Last patient discharged from Suyog Hospital

Mysuru, Jan.21 (RKB&SR)- Rukmini, the last patient who was admitted to Suyog Hospital of the city after Hanur taluk Sulwadi Temple Prasada Poisoning tragedy, was discharged from the hospital here this morning.

Informing this to media persons at Pathrakartara Bhavan in city, Chairman of the Hospital Dr. S.P. Yoganna said that as many as 15 patients were admitted to the hospital after the incident and discharged after providing treatment. Rukmini was rushed to hospital in critical stage from Martalli village of Hanur taluk last month.

She was on ventilator for over a month. She had undergone heart attack thrice while undergoing treatment and survived after long battling for life. Now, she was 80 percent cured and will be sent home after giving a farewell by the hospital management this evening, he said.

Dr. Yoganna said that hospital had 65 world class Intensive Care Unit (ICU) beds, provides cost effective treatment for ICU patients at less cost of Rs.6,000 per day against 10,000 when compared to other private hospitals.

Dr. Mahesh, victim Rukmini and her husband Ramesh were present during the press meet.

Chinnara Chilume: Children's theatre fest begins

Schools must have drama teachers: Rameshwari Verma

Veteran theatre personality Rameshwari Verma is seen lighting the lamp to inaugurate the four-day children's theatre festival at Kiru Rangamandira in Kalamandira premises here this morning as DDPI S. Mamatha, former Rangayana Director H. Janardhan and others look on. Picture right shows a section of students witnessing the play.

Mysuru, Jan. 21 (PM&DM)- The four-day 'Chinnara Chilume', children's theatre festival, began at the Mini Theatre (Kiru Rangamandira) in Kalamandira premises here this morning.

The event is organised by Kannada and Culture Department in association with Janamana Samskrutika Sanghatane and Nele-Hinnele. Speaking after inaugurating the festival, veteran theatre personality Rameshwari Verma stressed on the need for having drama teachers in schools.

Observing that the learning ability of children will get better if a subject is taught after considering it as a play, Rameshwari opined that the theatre is the biggest school of learning.

Pointing out that staging a play means a lot of activities, right from writing the script to the issuance of entry ticket, she maintained that theatre teaches every aspect of life, even more than what we learn in collegiate education.

Sharing her over four-decade experience in theatre, she said that a play involves many activities such as make-up, acoustics, lighting, scene creation etc.

Noting that keen involvement in staging plays helps one to increase his/her creativity, Rameshwari Verma said that no opportunity must be lost for staging plays that carry messages to society.

Calling for optimum use of all theatre facilities across the State, she opined that, Kalamandira, if vacant, can be utilised for staging plays, so that hundreds of children can watch them at a time.

DDPI S. Mamatha, former Chairman of Karnataka Bala Vikasa Academy Shankar Halagatti, Kannada and Culture Assistant Director H. Channappa, former Rangayana Director H. Janardhan, fest convenor K.R. Gopalkrishna and others were present. Eight teams from the eight districts of Mysuru Revenue Division — Mysuru, Mandya, Hassan, Kodagu, Chamarajanagar, Chikmagalur, Dakshina Kannada and Udupi — are taking part in this divisional event.

The top two teams at the festival will qualify to take part in the State-level event. Two plays, each of one hour duration, are staged every day till Jan. 24 between 10.30 am & 11.30 am and 12 noon to 1 pm.

Dist. Mahila Kannada Sahitya Sammelana in city on Jan.23

Mysuru, Jan. 21(RKB&SR)- The first district-level Mahila Kannada Sahitya Sammelana organised by District Kannada Sahitya Parishat (KSP) will be held on Jan. 23 at Maharani's Arts College in city.

Addressing a press conference here this morning, District KSP President Dr. Y.D. Rajanna said the Sammelana President Dr. Y.C. Bhanumathi will be brought to the venue in a specially decorated vehicle after taking out a procession at 8 am.

The procession, which will be flagged off by ZP In-charge President S.R. Nandeesh will pass through Metropole Circle, Shivarampet, Dufferin Clock Tower, D. Devaraj Urs Road and will culminate at Maharani's Arts College for Women. The procession will be accompanied by various folk troupes.

District Minister G.T. Devegowda will inaugurate the Sammelana at 11 am on that day. Mayor Pushpalatha Jagannath will release a book '*Bhavantharala*' on the occasion. Principal of Maharani's Arts College Prof. C.H. Prakash, Ministers S.R. Mahesh and C.S Puttaraju, MLAs L. Nagendra and Tanveer Sait, MP Pratap Simha, Vice-Chancellor of Karnatak Sanskrit University Dr. Padma Shekar and others will take part.

Experts will deliberate on various subjects like contributions of women for the growth of Kannada literature, women empowerment and challenges and other topics at the seminar organised on the occasion. Women poets meet will be held later.

About 3,000 people including students, women litterateurs, volunteers will take part in the event.

The valedictory programme will be held at 4 pm. Kuvempu Institute of Kannada Studies Professor Dr. Preethi Shrimandar Kumar will deliver the valedictory address.

The organisers will also felicitate 14 outstanding women personalities like Dr. B.S. Rukkamma, Bhagirathi Bai Kadam, Dr. Vasundhara Doreswamy, Mangala Satyan, Jayalakshmi Marichamaiah, Shantha Jagadeesh, Hemalatha Nijaguna, T.K Indubai, M.A. Neelambika, M.A. Hemalatha, Dr. J. Kamala Raman, Radha Mallappa and T. Sowmya Rani.

Former President of District Kannada Sahitya Parishat M. Chandrashekar, KSP Women Unit President M.N. Latha Mohan, Maharani's Arts College Principal C.H. Prakash and others were present during the press meet.

Big Bazaar announces 5-day Shopping Festival

Mysuru, Jan. 21- As part of Republic Day celebrations, one of the countries biggest retail chains *Big Bazaar* has announced a five-day shopping festival at all its outlets in city from Jan.23 to 27.

Announcing this at a press meet at Big Bazaar store on JLB road here this morning, Store Manager Ravichandran said that the 5-day sale is a shopping extravaganza for every Indian family.

Every member can take their pick and choose the best discount and amazing deals on a wide range of categories ranging from food, household items, electronics, fashion apparels, footwear, toys, luggage, kitchenware, home decor and many more.

Pointing out that the festival is not just a sale but is a carnival, he said that customers can also buy Big Bazaar eGift vouchers from PayTM and get cashback, use the same gift vouchers to shop at Big Bazaar and get discounts on products.

Big Bazaar Branch Heads Puneeth Kumar, Naveen Kumar and Manjunath were present at the press meet.

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Lively and Interactive

By Dr. Padmavathi Narasimhan

City 's 'Bhushan Academy' presented a Bharatanatyam recital in memory of Lalita Murthy, wife of senior art patron K.V. Murthy on her birth anniversary. **Badari Divyabhushan,** grandson of cine star of yesteryears Kalyan Kumar, and his wife **Anjana Bhushan** performed 'Ramabhyudayam' for Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha on the 9th of December. Badari was accompanied by his wife Anjana Bhushan and his students **Anupama, Bhoomika** and **Divyashree** and his little son. The music for the event was by **Priyadarshini Govind.**

The opening piece was 'Lalitarpanam' dedicated to Lalita Murthy, which was a set of Shlokas in praise of Devi. A lot of pieces from various shlokas and compositions like Muttuswami Deekshitar's 'Ardhanareeshwaram'(only the first line) and the Annapoorna shloka 'Nityanandakari varabhayakari' by Adi Shankaracharya were chosen.

'Ramabhyudayam' began with the shloka 'Poorvam Rama Tapovanani Gamanam,' explaining the story of Ramayana in short. Sita and Rama meeting for the first time in the garden, Rama lifting the bow, and Sita parinaya were highlighted. While 'Oothakkadu Venkata Kavi's 'Kalyana Rama' in Hamsanada (wrongly announced as Deekshitar's) was playing, the couple changed their attire magically in seconds, which drew wide appreciation from the cheerful audience.

Entry of Manthara was very dramatic with Badari himself playing the role of Manthara. Tamil song in Hindola 'Ramanukku mannan mudi tharittale' (Arunachala Kavi) offered sanchari at 'Parashuraman Garvam Teettavandi.' A Navarasa shloka covered the rest of the episodes like Shurpanakha for Hasya, Lakshmana cutting off her nose and ears for Bheebhatsa, Sita's fear on seeing Ravana (fear), Adbhuta rasa in vanaras, Raudram in the slaying of Ravana by Rama and shantam in accepting back Sita.

The entire 'Ramayana' which offers so much scope for Bharatanatyam was staged too short and the mangalam obviously gave a wrong message to the disappointed audience who left the auditorium while two more items were yet to play.

In 'Brochevarevarura' of Mysore Vasudevacharya, the dancers enacted Paduka Pattabhisheka, Hanumanta's 'Samudra Manthana' and 'Anguleeyaka Pradana'. 'Bho Shambho Shiva Shabho' in Ravati brought out the glory of Shiva.

The significance of the title 'Ramabhyudayam' was not clear as 'Abhyudayam' means benefit or well-being and Ramabhyudayam would mean the benefit or well-being of Rama, which does not seem to make sense. The entire dance was classical based but not completely classical. The nrutta part is essential in any Bharatanatyam concert, which was missing. Though the intention of the dilution is perhaps to reach more people, classicism is to be considered especially while performing for a Sabha as it would not be called a Bharatanatyam concert otherwise.

An evening with music...

By Dr. Rama V. Bennur

Gayana Sabha, the new music Sabha of Mysuru, had organised a fine Hindustani classical vocal concert on the occasion of releasing of a CD of **Vidu. Shreemathi Devi** on the 4th of January at Vasudevacharya Bhavana. **Ustad Faiyaz Khan** gave a memorable concert on the occasion.

Shreemathi Devi, an upcoming Hindustani artiste, has cut her first album in which she is accompanied by **Satish Bhat** on harmonium and **Bheema Shankar Bidanur** on tabla. The CD was released by Pt. Indudhar Nirodi in the presence of Ustad Faiyaz Khan. The CD has in it Rag Miya ki Todi, Rag Sur Malhar and a Nirguni Bhajan.

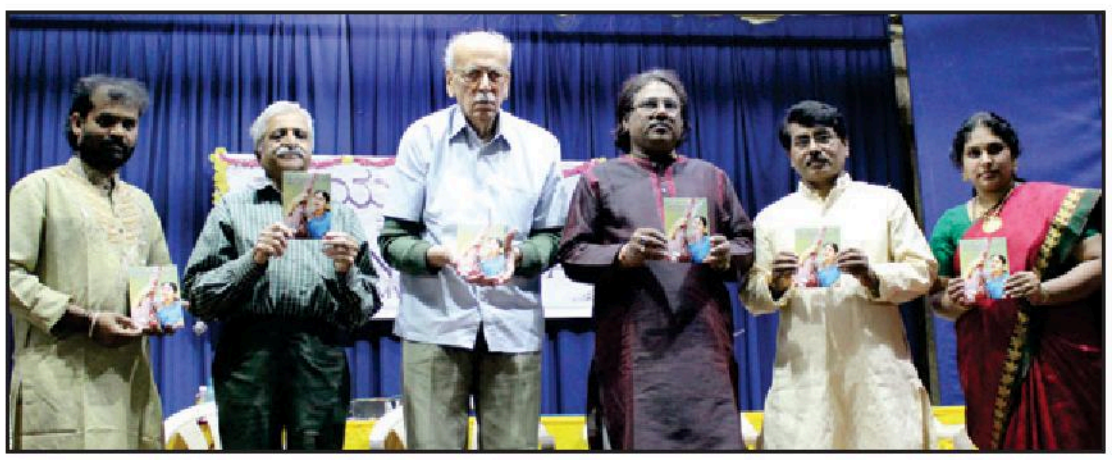
After the release of the CD, Ustad Faiyaz Khan gave a rich and soulful concert for the pleasure of rasikas. He is an exponent of Sarangi and Tabla apart from being a singer. Born into a family of musicians from the Kirana Gharana, he has proved to be a multi-talented person.

The rich vocalism and artistic intuitions have found their most eloquent expressions in his singing. He was accompanied by **Veerabhadriah Hiremath** on harmonium and **Bheema Shankar Bidanur** on tabla.

Faiyaz Khan opened the concert with Rag Pooriya Dhanashri. The majestic approach through the short alap created the pervading mood. A Bada Khyal 'Moro peer Hazarat Nijamuddin' unfurled the nuances of the raga in a leisurely manner. His interpretation of the raga did not allow him to enslave in the skill alone. He went on exploring every possibilities and nuances of the raga. It was a triumph of the musical architect. His mood was such that it could simply reveal the different shades of all the ragas of the day. 'Ajab teri khudaayi', the chota khyal in Dhruth revealed his creative imagination.

The main attraction of the day was a Thumri 'Tum bin mai na chedu basiya' in the Rag Sohni. Thumri, the enchanting form of musical expression normally reveals the romantic or the devotional mood of 'Nayaki'. Usually it reveals the pain of separation that nayaki undergoes. But 'Will not the hero suffer from the separation?' is the question of Ustad. The result was a beautiful Thumri penned by him describing the agony or the emotional suffering of Shree Krishna who is away from Radha. He breathed life in to every word with his soulful rendering.

Faiyaz Khan is known for the rendering of Dasara Pada. Clear diction and emotionally charged, they carry the quintessential charm of music. The mellifluous voice unveils the beauty of both music and lyrics. 'Eke malagide Hariye?' by Gopaladasa (Ragamalika), 'Baagilanu teredu' by Kanakadasa (Bhatiyar), and the evergreen 'Jo bhaje Hari ko sada' displayed foray of colours in his diverse melodic designs.



Veerabhadriah Hiremath was a wonderful support to the main artiste. Bheema Shankar Bidanur gave a lively rhythmic support all through.

Shreemathi Devi gave a short and sweet concert at the beginning of the function, accompanied by Veerabhadriah Hiremath on harmonium and Bheema Shankar Bidanur on tabla.

Rag Patdeep was elaborated in a soft and sweet voice. 'Ab to samaro,' the bandhish set to vilambith Ek taal unfurled the grace and charm of the raga.

As the speed increased, 'Jhanana jhanana baajata paayaliya' in Dhruth was rhythmic and rigorous. The short presentation ended with a Devaranama 'Nee maayeyolago ninnolu maayeyo?' by Kanakadasa.

2nd Junior State League Netball Championship

Mysuru emerges Champions

Seen in the picture are** (standing from left) **G.R. Lokeshkumar, H.S. Lokesh, Pramod Gatke, L.S. Ramachandru, Puttaniah, ZP Member B.S. Savithiramma Manju, Ramesh, Grama Panchayat Prisident G. Sheelavathi, Lokanatharao Kadham, Mahesh Adradru, Govt. Employees Teachers Association President K.P. Srinivas, Physical Education Officer Nagasunder, Manchanayakru, ANBAK General Secretary C. Girish and Dr. Chandru; (sitting) **Chethan, Mahesh, Chandu, Sujan (Captain), Deepu, Sunil, Suresh, Harsha, B. Lingaraju, Kumar, Manvantha, Sudeep Nayaka, R. Krishnna Prasad, Girish, Shivamurthy (Coach), Mahadev Nayaka, Manjesh, Manu, Pavan and Prasad.

Mysuru, Jan.21- The 2nd Junior State League Netball Championship for Boys 2018-19 was organised by Mysore District Netball Association in association with Amateur Netball Association of Karnataka at Karnataka Public School, Gavadagere, Hunsur taluk here, recently.

A total of 12 teams participated in the Championship which was held in League-cum-Knock-out-Super League format.

Pool A: Mysuru beat Chitradurga 24-18; Chitradurga beat Hassan 17-16; Hassan beat Mysuru 17-12.

Pool B: Udupi beat Anupama Avangers Sports Club 21-16; Ajay Sports Club, Mangaluru beat Udupi 14-09; Ajay Sports Club, Mangaluru beat Anupama Avangers Sports Club 20-12.

Pool C: Davangare beat Belagavi 18-14; Belagavi beat Tumakuru 16-12; Davangere beat Tumakuru 14-10.

Pool D: Bengaluru Rural beat MES Sports Club 18-15; Bengaluru Rural beat Eagles Sports Club 20-14; MES Sports Club beat Eagals Sports Club 19-15.

Quarter-Finals

Bengaluru Rural beat Ajay Sports Club, Mangaluru 20-16; Hassan beat Belagavi 18-12; Mysuru beat Davangere 17-14; Udupi beat MES Sports Club 21-18.

Super League

Mysuru beat Hassan 18-17; Bengaluru Rural beat Udupi 20-14; Mysuru beat Udupi 20-19; Hassan beat Bengaluru Rural 13-11; Bengaluru Rural beat Mysuru 17-14; Hassan beat Udupi 21-10.

Final Result

Mysuru, Bengaluru Rural and Hassan districts won two matches each.

Scores: Mysuru (52 points) - 1st Place; Hassan (51 points) - 2nd Place; Bengaluru Rural (48 points) - 3rd Place; Udupi (lost all 3 matches) - 4th Place.

South Zone Inter-University Men's Cricket

University of Mysore enters semi-finals

Shivamogga, Jan.21- Inspiring batting performances by Kishan S. Bedare (52, 47b, 4x4), B. Dheemanth (38), Nandan Narayan (47, 34b, 4x4), S.J. Nikin Jose (26) and Vishnu Priyan (24), helped University of Mysore to register a facile four-wicket win over MG University, Kottayam, and enter the semi-final in the South Zone Inter-University Men's Cricket Tournament (2018-19) played at Shivamogga here recently.

Batting first, MG University, Kottayam were well-served by Sanju Sanjeev (60) and Amal P. Rajeevan (53).

MG University scored 220 for nine in 45 overs. M. Uttham Aiyappa (three for 27) and skipper Madan Mohan (three for 42) were the main wicket-takers for University of Mysore.

In reply, good batting by Kishan Bedare (52, 47b, 4x4), B. Dheemanth (59b, 3x4), Nandan Narayan (47, 34b, 4x4s), S.J. Nikin Jose (26) and Vishnu Priyan (24), helped them to register a four-wicket win. Fabin Albert took two for 43 for MG University, Kottayam.

SCORES

MG University, Kottayam: 220 for 9 in 45 overs (Amal P. Rajeevan 53, Sanju Sanjeev 60, M. Uttham Aiyappa 3 for 27, Madan Mohan 3 for 42) lost to **University of Mysore:** 223 for 6 in 43.2 overs (Kishan S. Bidare 52, Nandan Narayan 47, S.J. Nikin Jose 26, Vishnu Priyan 24. Fabin Albert 2 for 43).

Pedalling for fuel conservation

Mysuru, Jan.21- Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd. LPG conducted a Cyclothon under SAKSHAM (Sanrakshan Kshamata Mahotsav) in city recently, which is the Government of India initiative on awareness of fuel conservation.

Approximately 200 participants have taken part in the rally. The cycle rally was held from Bannur Road to Foothills of Chamundi and back which is 5 kms cycle ride.

Chief guests were H. Kushi, an international Yoga exponent from Mysuru, B.N. Anil Kumar, basketball player from Mysuru and Arun Kumar, Manager of Mysuru Warriors Team.

From Bharat Petroleum LPG State Head Pradeep Nair and M.N. Rao from Bengaluru and Sales Officer LPG Mysuru Mahendra Dongre and Territory Manager Mysuru Depot PVG Rao were present.

Participants were school students, staff from all three Oil Companies and general public.

SAKSHAM is celebrated every year as an awareness programme on Fuel Conservation from Jan.16 to Feb.15. This year, it started in city with a Cyclothon in the first week itself. There will be many other activities from Oil Industry to spread awareness on importance of fuel conservation.

Cricketer N.C. Aiyappa ties knot with actress Anusha Poovamma

Virajpet, Jan.21- Karnataka cricketer and *Bigg Boss* Kannada Season-3 contestant Neravanda Chetticha Aiyappa, aka N.C. Aiyappa, got hitched to actress Anusha (Anu) Poovamma yesterday. The couple had a typical 'Kodava' wedding at Kodava Samaja in the town.

Anusha Poovamma is a well-known actress, who has acted in some Kannada movies. She is currently seen playing the role of 'Aishwarya' in the popular Kannada serial 'Muddulakshmi'. Aiyappa, on the other hand, is the younger brother of popular South Indian actress Prema.

Aiyappa is the son of Neravanda Chetticha and Cauvery of Kumbaladalu village while Anusha is the daughter of Maletira late Chinnappa and Pushpa of Kedamullur village.

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TODAY'S MATCHES (IST)

Japan Vs Saudi Arabia	4.30 pm
Australia Vs Uzbekistan	7.30 pm
UAE Vs Kyrgyzstan	10.30 pm

TOMORROW'S MATCHES

South Korea Vs Bahrain	6.30 pm
Qatar Vs Iraq	9.30 pm

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Vietnam 1 (4) beat Jordan 1 (2)
China 2 beat Thailand 1
Iran 2 beat Oman 0

MDFA 'B' Division Football

Big win for Govt. Press FC

Mysuru, Jan.21- Helped by a brace each by centre-forward Melvin, left-out David (24th, 66th), Joshua (38th & 62nd) and a goal by Sandesh (40th), Govt. Press FC registered a 7-0 win over Lions FC in the MDFA 'B' Division Football League for the Govindaraju Memorial Trophy played here recently.

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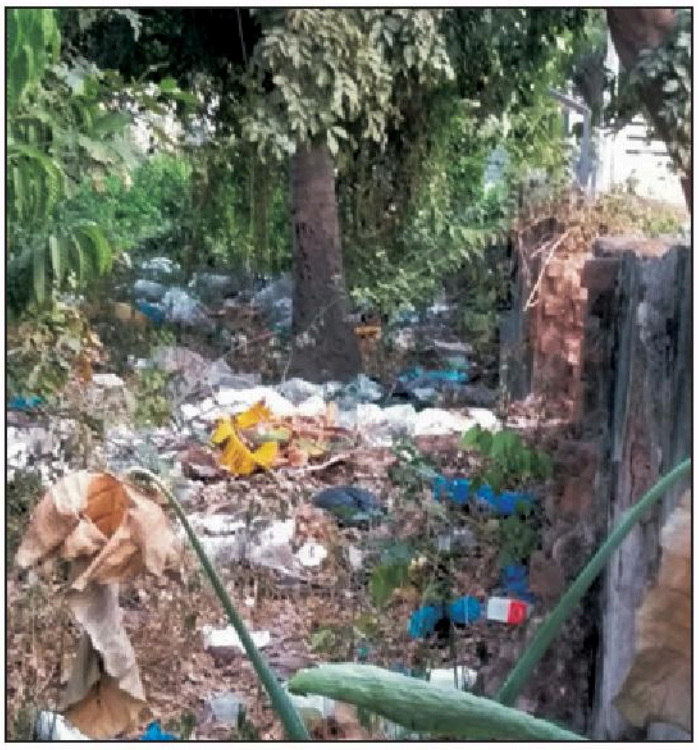
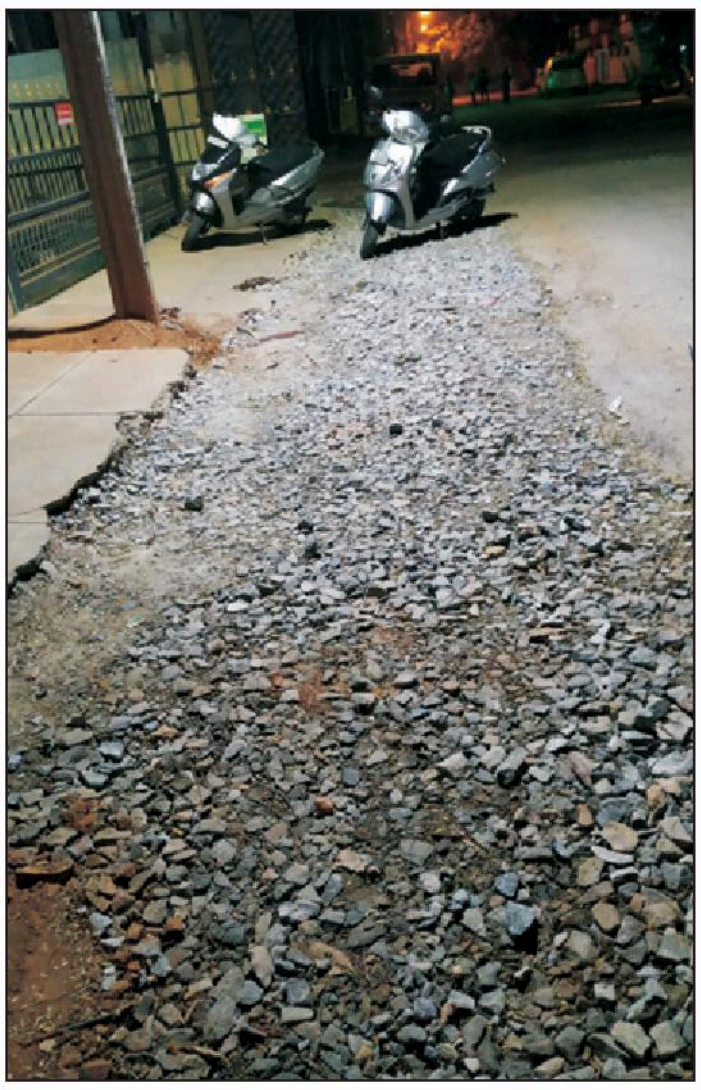
Vacant site as garbage dump at Jayalakshmipuram



A vacant site behind an old petrol bunk on the 1st Main road in Jayalakshmipuram has become a place to dump garbage resulting in foul smell emanating from it and causing health problems to the residents living in the surroundings. Authorities concerned are urged to get the garbage dump cleared at the earliest.

Plea to asphalt road at Bannimantap



Most of the roads in Bannimantap 'C' Layout is in bad shape and has become unmotorable. About 15 days ago, big jelly stones were put in order to asphalt the road in Bannimantap 1st Main, 2nd Cross, but the authorities concerned have not taken up the works resulting in a lot of inconvenience to the residents who are finding it difficult even to park their vehicles on the said road. Authorities concerned are urged to take steps to asphalt the road at the earliest.

'Plastic Rice' found in Mid-Day Meals rice bags

T. Narasipur, Jan.21 (SK& SR)- 'Plastic Rice' were reportedly found in the rice bags supplied by the Food and Civil Supplies Department for Mid-Day Meal Scheme at Government Primary School in Bannahallihundi village in the taluk recently.

The incident came to light when the cook opened the rice bag to cook meals for school children. The cook who was shocked, alerted the Headmaster of the school.

Following complaint to Block Education Officer (BEO) filed by the Headmaster, Block Resource Centre (BRC) Chief Manjula visited the spot. An argument ensued between Manjula, Dalitha Sangharsha Samithi activist Bannahallihundi Somanna and Gram Panchayat President Shivakumar. Somanna who was upset with Manjula for not providing satisfactory reply, threatened to file a complaint against the BRC with the DDPI.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore*, Manjula said that such rice particles were found in one of the bags. She said that she noticed the rice particles melted when it was boiled to test the same in the school.

She said that the rice would be sent to a lab to get confirmation and action will be taken against the officials involved.

'Kannada language, literature in danger'

KIKS Director Prof. N.M. Talwar at State-level Literature Workshop

Kuvempu Institute of Kannada Studies (KIKS) Director Prof. Nilagiri M. Talwar inaugurating the State-level Literature Workshop organised by the Kannada Department of St. Joseph's First Grade College at its premises in city recently as Fr. Vijay Kumar, Principal Dr. V. Niveditha, Prof. N.S. Taranath and others look on.

Mysuru, Jan.21(RKB&NNN)- Both Kannada language and literature are in danger, said Kuvempu Institute of Kannada Studies (KIKS) Director Prof. Nilagiri M. Talwar.

He was speaking after inaugurating the State-level Literature Workshop titled 'Literature Studies, New Possibilities,' organised by the Kannada Department of St. Joseph's First Grade College at its premises, here recently.

Earlier, when people heard that littérateurs like Kuvempu, Bendre, Masti were coming, they would flock to the events just to see them. They would gather to listen to Kannada literature, poetry, seminar and debates. However, in the present day atmosphere, if star actors are coming, only then the people come in large numbers but senior Kannada littérateurs are completely ignored. Hence, Kannada language and literature are fading, he regretted.

A few think that everything is sacred about the work tradition or heritage and belittle anything that is modern. A few others feel that everything modern only is all right. Both the ideas are wrong and this practise should be shunned.

The good qualities of tradition and heritage and the advantages of modernism should be taken and a new course charted and only this will lead to progress and development of Kannada language and literature, he said.

Mysore Diocesan Educational Society Secretary Fr. Vijay Kumar, Chief Executive Officer Prof. C.M. Mani, First Grade College Principal Dr. V. Niveditha, KIKS retired Professor, Prof. N.S. Taranath and others were present.

Education Officers transferred

Mysuru, Jan.21- The State Government has reshuffled officers in the Education Department.

Education Officer D. Uday Kumar ,who was serving at the office of the Deputy Director of Public Instruction (DDPI) in city, has been posted as Mysuru North Zone BEO, while Shivaram, who was serving as North Zone BEO has been posted at the DDPI office.

In other postings, Shrishaila Bilagi, who was serving at District Institute for Education and Training (DIET), Kodagu, has been posted as Virajpet BEO, C.M. Honnaraju who was serving at Chikkamagalur DIET has been transferred to Mandya DIET, Chamarajanagar Sama Shikshana Abhiyana Planning Co-ordinator N. Gurulingaiah has been transferred to Mangaluru DIET and Mangaluru DIET faculty Mariswamy has been posted to Mysuru DIET.

First birthday of Aadyaveer celebrated at Palace

Mysuru, Jan.21 (MTY&US)- It was a joyful occasion at the Mysore Palace premises here yesterday with the celebration of the first year birthday of Aadyaveer Narasimharaja Wadiyar, the son of Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar and Trishika Kumari Wadiyar.

Elderly women performed 'Aarati' to Aadyaveer in the presence of Yaduveer, Trishika and Pramoda Devi Wadiyar.

Yaduveer on his Instagram page stated, "We are greeting Aadyaveer Narasimharaja Wadiyar on his first 'Vardhanti'. We pray Goddess Chamundeshwari to grant health and prosperity for Aadyaveer."

Yaduveer said that the birthday of Aadyaveer was supposed to be celebrated on Dec.26 last. However, he contended that going by the Mysore Palace tradition, the first birthday should be celebrated after 'Sankranti' and hence it was celebrated yesterday.

Marking the happy occasion, Corporator Lokesh Piya, under the aegis of Srikanta Datta Narasimharaja Wadiyar Abhimanigala Balaga, distributed sweets to the public at K.R. Circle.

Siddharamaiah has no rights

to criticise Yeddyurappa: Kautilya Raghu

Raghu

Mysuru, Jan.21- State BJP Slum Morcha General Secretary Kautilya Raghu has said that former Chief Minister Siddharamaiah has no moral right to criticise State BJP Chief B.S. Yeddyurappa (BSY).

In a press release, Raghu lashed out at Siddharamaiah saying that the former CM transcended all limits of decency to make derogatory remarks against Yeddyurappa.

Reminding Siddharamaiah that as the CM, he (Siddu) had destroyed the Lokayukta in order to conceal his corrupt deals, Raghu said that Siddharamaiah lost from Chamundeshwari Constituency because of corruption and arrogance. Raghu said that Siddharamaiah's remarks against BSY were in poor taste.

Urging Siddharamaiah to stop making cheap remarks against BSY, he asked the former CM to look once at himself before making slanging outbursts at others.

Asking Siddharamaiah to come out of his illusion of becoming the CM again, Raghu urged the former CM to stop making such derogatory remarks against BSY and other BJP leaders and to practice politics of morality.

Okkuta for phased

introduction of English medium

Mysuru, Jan.21 (RKB&DM)- Seeking scientific and phased introduction of English medium in Government Primary Schools, Zilla Kayaka Samajagala Okkoota staged a demonstration in front of Mahatma Gandhi's bust opposite the city Law Courts complex recently.

Addressing the protestors, the Vedike President K.C. Puttasiddashetty, also a former MLC, urged the Government for a thorough study on the ways of introducing English medium in Government Schools.

Batting for three-phase introduction, he said that in the first phase, conversion of Anganawadi's into Pre-Primary Schools where children are tutored on English listening, reading and writing and speaking – second phase covering first to fifth standards, where English must be thought as a language and third phase covering Sixth to Twelfth standards – where all subjects are taught in English medium in full scale.

He also urged the Government to appropriately train teachers in English before introduction of the Scheme.

Siddharamaiah must be credited for organising Kuruba community

Mysuru, Jan.21 (MTY&DM) - Former Minister H.M. Revanna has said that former CM Siddharamaiah should be credited for organising Kuruba community by celebrating Kanakadasa Jayanti at every nook and corner of the State. He was speaking after inaugurating the 531st Kanakadasa Jayanti celebrations organised by Kanaka Shakthi Mahila Kshemabhivrudhi Sangha at Kaginele Shakha Mutt premises in Siddarthanagar here on Sunday.

Noting that he had not seen any women organisation celebrating Kanakadasa Jayanti, he said that the Kanaka Shakti Mahila Kshemabhivrudhi Sangha's initiative on celebrating the Jayanti was a good sign as it provides a platform for displaying women's unity.

Pointing out that Siddharamaiah as Dy.CM earlier, had taken the initiative for official celebrations of the Jayanti, Revanna said that Kanakadasa was admired by all sections of the society.

Stating that Kanakadasa was a disciple of Vyasaraja, the former Minister said that Kanakadasa's teachings are relevant even today.

Sangha President M.A. Kamala, in her address, said that the Sangha has been bringing together community women for the past two years and added that the Sangha has over 150 members now besides stating that Sangha's activities would be expanded in the days to come.

A health camp was also organised to mark the occasion.

Kaginele Shakha Mutt Seer Sri Shivanandapuri Swamiji graced the occasion. Retired Prof. Shantha Murthy, senior doctor Dr. P.S. Savitha, Corporator Gopi, Sangha Vice-President Deepa and BSNL staff Mahadeva were present.

'No threat to Government from Operation Kamala'

Accusing PM Narendra Modi, BJP National President Amit Shah and State BJP President B.S. Yeddyurappa of making attempts to destabilise the JD(S)-Congress Coalition Government in the State, Revanna, however, ruled out any threat to the Coalition Government.

Speaking to presspersons at Kaginele Mutt premises ahead of the Kanakadasa Jayanti celebrations, Revanna maintained that the BJP was making relentless efforts to topple the Coalition Government ever-since it was formed eight months ago.

However, the BJP's efforts have not succeeded as the members are on the side of the Coalition Government, he said while reiterating that the Coalition Government was stable.

Lashing out at Resort politics, the former Minister said that Congress must always be wary of BJP's tactics to lure Congress and JD(S) MLAs. Asserting that the Government has the numbers, he strongly criticised the BJP's move to destabilise the Government.

Claiming that he too was an aspirant for Bengaluru-North Lok Sabha seat, the former Minister said that he has the experience of representing Hebbal Constituency for years together and as such, he was staking claims for the LS seat. However, it is with Congress High Command which takes the decision on allotting candidates, he added.

MYSORE WINTER RACES 2019

(By Our Racing Correspondent)

'Crescendo' for M. Govindappa Memorial Trophy

Mysuru, Jan. 21- Following are the selections for the 10th day Mysore Races to be held here tomorrow (22nd January 2019):

1.	2.30 PM	THE B. KHANNA MEMORIAL PLATE 1400 mts. 3 years (terms) *1. Cracks Man 2. Air Velocity*
2.	3.00 PM	THE SIRSI PLATE 1600 mts. (rated 00 to 25) *1. Italian Stallion 2. One of a Kind*
3.	3.30 PM	THE HIMAYALAYAS PLATE DIV. II 1100 mts. (rated 20 to 45) *1. Lovely Micmel 2. Speed Queen*
4.	4.00 PM	THE SANKRANTI PLATE 1400 mts. (rated 20 to 45) *1. Flash Time 2. Pikachu*
5.	4.30 PM	M. GOVINDAPPA MEMORIAL TROPHY 1600 mts. (rated 60 and above) *1.Crescendo 2. Eltycoon*
6.	5.00 PM	THE BOLD MAJESTY PLATE 1400 mts. (rated 40 to 65) *1. Anteros 2. Abderus*
7.	5.30 PM	THE HIMAYALAYAS PLATE DIV. I 1100 mts. (rated 20 to 45) *1. Poet Song 2. Breaking News*

DAY'S BEST: *ANTEROS*

DOUBLE: *1. CRACKS MAN 2. POET SONG*

JACKPOT: *3,4,5,6,7*

I-TREBLE: *2,3,4;* ***II-TREBLE:*** *5,6,7*

EXACTAS: *6,7*

—Tipster PGC

WORD OF THE DAY

Nomothetic

Pronunciation: Nah-muh-THET-ik.
Meaning: The (psychology) relating to or involving the search for abstract universal principles.

Origin: Nomothetic is often contrasted with idiographic, a word meaning "relating to or dealing with something concrete, individual, or unique." Where idiographic points to the specific and unique, nomothetic points to the general and consistent. The immediate Greek parent of nomothetic is a word meaning "of legislation;" the word has its roots in nomos, meaning "law," and -thetēs, meaning "one who establishes." Nomos has played a part in the histories of words as varied as metronome, autonomous and Deuteronomy. The English contributions of -thetēs are meager, but -thetēs itself comes from tithenai, meaning "to put," and tithenai is the ancestor of many common words ending in -thesis—hypothesis, parenthesis, prosthesis, synthesis, and thesis itself—as well as theme, epithet and apothecary.
Example: While every natural science has its nomothetic side, it also has another half of a very different kind.

THE ODD WORD

Noctambulist

A sleepwalker.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Nice as ninepence

Meaning: Neat, tidy, well-ordered.

Origin: The variants, 'as right as ninepence' and 'as neat as ninepence' are just as common as the 'nice' version (also, less commonly, 'as clean as ninepence' and 'as grand as ninepence') and it isn't clear which came first. This expression is derived from 'as nice as ninepins'. In the game of Ninepins (Skittles) the pins are set out in a square. For the game to be fair, this must be done neatly and accurately or, in the old parlance, nicely. The earliest known recorded form of the phrase is 'as neat as ninepence', the first citation is in James Howell's English Proverbs, 1659. The rhyming and alliterative style of the citation suggests that the 'neat' and 'nice' were chosen just for that reason. The form 'nice as ninepence' didn't arise until recently, in the late 20th century.
Example: Bob's home is as nice as ninepence ever since he got married.

QUOTE BOX

Health is the greatest gift, contentment the greatest wealth, faithfulness the best relationship. **—Buddha**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve this rebus:

Answer: A friend in need is a friend indeed.

SUDOKU

	8					7		
		3		7	1	5		
1			9					
	3		8	2			6	
8								5
	9			1	5		3	
					2			6
		2	7	6		1		
		7					9	

Answer to previous puzzle

3	1	6	5	2	8	4	7	9
5	9	2	6	7	4	3	1	8
4	8	7	9	1	3	6	5	2
1	7	4	3	9	2	8	6	5
8	3	5	7	4	6	2	9	1
2	6	9	1	8	5	7	4	3
6	4	8	2	5	1	9	3	7
7	5	3	8	6	9	1	2	4
9	2	1	4	3	7	5	8	6

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

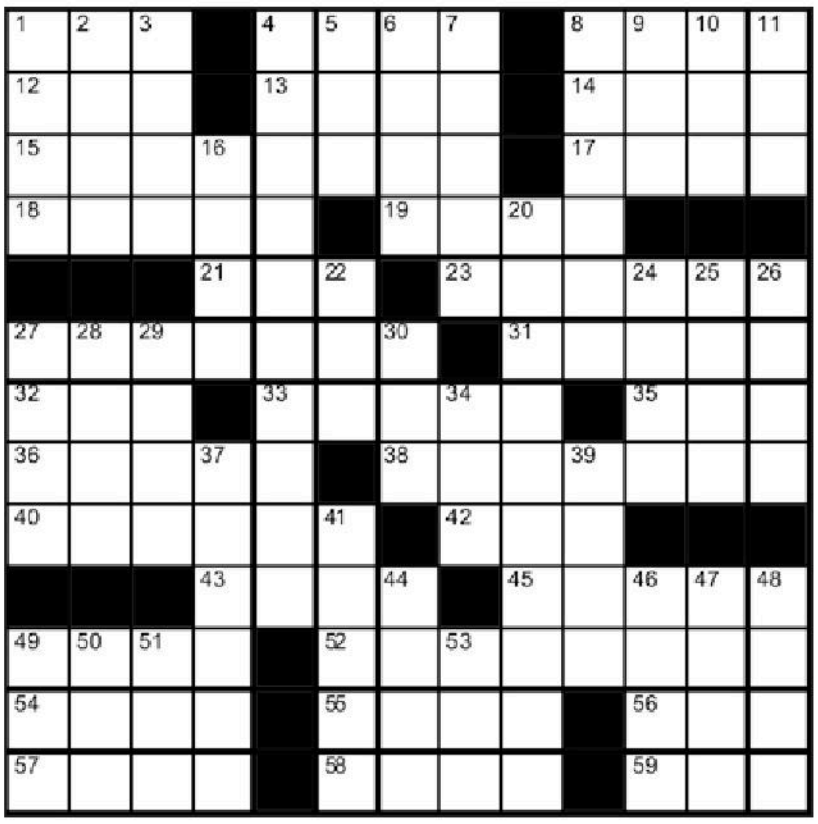
CROSS WORD

ACROSS:
1 R. E. Lee's side
4 Ever present as a prefix
8 202 in Roman numerals
12 Air Pollution Index
13 Indian tennis ace
14 Tracks of wheels in soft earth
15 Dispersal of the Jews
17 Famous cookie
18 Not firm or fixed; hearsay (2,3)
19 Slightly moist
21 Semi-solid colloidal solution or jelly
23 Actuates, brings about or makes happen
27 Broad oceanic expanse (4,3)
31 ___ plug : starting device in a scooter?
32 Guided
33 Hindu sun-god
35 Bengali surname or boy's name
36 Dilip Kumar and Waheeda Rehman's 1968 hit
38 Indisposition
40 Fluttering or waving like that flag, perhaps?
42 Flyer from Seoul
43 Exchange fee
45 Risks or braves
49 Exposes flax or hemp to moisture?
52 One of Jason's crew
54 ____ over : glance at or look through?
55 In brief, sergeants and corporals
56 ___ la la... : song humming?
57 Dilip Kumar and Nergis hit of 1948
58 POTA predecessor
59 Chinese sauce

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER:

D	C	L	I	■	B	A	T	A	■	M	C	P
A	L	E	C	■	S	M	O	G	■	O	N	E
D	I	S	A	P	P	O	I	N	T	I	N	G
O	P	E	R	A	■	K	L	E	E	■	■	■
■	■	■	U	S	B	■	■	S	C	R	A	P
■	R	O	S	T	E	R	S	■	H	O	B	O
O	U	T	■	E	R	U	P	T	■	S	E	X
C	H	O	U	■	G	R	E	A	S	E	D	■
T	R	E	S	S	■	■	C	M	U	■	■	■
■	■	■	S	P	A	N	■	P	I	L	A	U
R	E	T	R	A	C	E	D	S	T	E	P	S
L	S	I	■	S	T	A	R	■	O	N	C	E
G	E	N	■	M	A	R	Y	■	R	O	A	D

DOWN
1 Judge in a Muslim country?
2 Revolve rapidly
3 Amer Inst. of Aeronautics and Astronautics
4 Persecuting, torturing or attacking
5 Ex-Chinese Chairman?
6 Social flop
7 British scientist ____ Newton
8 Occur; come to light (4,2)
9 Mongrel dog
10 Suffix denoting native or inhabitant
11 International Standards Organization, acronym?
16 Signify or indicate
20 South Indian snack (6,4)
22 Rumanian coin
24 Indian garment
25 Cupid
26 Hebridean island
27 "Loaf" around as a king!
28 Ring of bells
29 A small swirl of water
30 Acquire weaponry
34 Tibetan ox?
37 Noxious emanation
39 Boy's name
41 Oversized
44 Predatory black-and-white toothed whale
46 Deserters of a sinking ship
47 Something to spend in Paris
48 Remain
49 Regimental sergeant-major, in short
50 Supplement with difficulty
51 The sesame plant or seed
53 Deity - the Almighty



CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

WBD REJG DEH VWTY KE VHBK LEJ OB W KVYUWHJHU OU KVY

RJEBP REJG. KVYJY WJY BE YQAYFKOEBU KE KVOU JHXY

TODAY'S CLUE: V EQUALS H

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: There is a lot more to life than just struggling to make money

NOW SHOWING

Movie	Theatre	Phone	Shows
KANNADA			
Gini Helida Kathe	Gayathri	2443568	1 Shows
Lambodara	Gayathri	2443568	3 Shows
Lock	Skyline	2481170	4 Shows
Birbal	Lido	2420885	4 Shows
KGF	Saraswathi	2541451	4 Shows
	Shanthala	2427584	4 Shows
	Sangam	2520494	4 Shows
Friendly Baby	Olympia	2420737	4 Shows
HINDI			
Why Cheat India	Sri Nagaraj	2520490	4 Shows
Rangeela Raja	Balaji Deluxe	2497199	4 Shows
School Teacher	Uma	2520009	4 Shows
TAMIL			
Viswasam	Lakshmi	2443584	4 Shows
	Mahadeshwara	9986022634	4 Shows
Petta	Woodlands	2422871	4 Shows
	Padma	2521923	4 Shows
TELUGU			
N.T.R. Kathanayakudu	Prabha	2423569	4 Shows
Vinaya Vidheya Rama	Rajkamal	2423554	4 Shows
	Sterling	2481170	4 Shows
	Thibbadevi	2452958	4 Shows

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URI - The Surgical Strike (H)	(S-1)	10.20 am, 4.15 pm 7.05 pm, 9.50 pm
KGF (K)	(S-1)	1.05 pm: (S-3) 10.20 am
	(S-4)	6.55 pm
F2 - Fun & Frustration (Te)	(S-2)	10.30 am, 3.55 pm
Why Cheat India (H)	(S-2)	1.30 pm, 9.55 pm
Birbal (K)	(S-2)	6.50 pm
Simmba (H)	(S-3)	1.20 pm
Bombairiya (H)	(S-3)	4.25 pm
Petta (Ta)	(S-3)	6.40 pm; (S-4) 1.10 pm
Mikhael (Ma)	(S-3)	9.55 pm
Glass (E)	(S-4)	10.30 am, 9.55 pm
Accidental Prime Minister (H)	(S-4)	4.30 pm

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Petta (Ta)	(S-1)	12.55 pm
	(S-2)	9.40 pm
Why Cheat India (H)	(S-3)	10.10 am, 4.05 pm
	(S-1)	7.15 pm
Glass (E)	(S-2)	10.15 am
	(S-4)	7.10 pm
KGF (K)	(S-4)	11.00 am
	(S-2)	6.30 pm
Simmba (H)	(S-3)	9.35 pm
URI - The Surgical Strike (H)	(S-1)	10 am, 4.20 pm, 9.50 pm
	(S-3)	6.40 pm
Birbal (K)	(S-3)	12.45 pm
Accidental Prime Minister (H)	(S-2)	1.00 pm
F2 (Fun & Frustration) (Te)	(S-2)	3.25 pm
Lock (K)	(S-4)	4.45 pm
Mikhael (Ma)	(S-4)	9.55 pm
Gini Helida Kathe (K)	(S-4)	2.10 pm

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Petta (Ta)	11.50 am, 6.25 pm
Birbal (K)	12.40 pm
F2 - Fun & Frustration (Te)	12.45 pm, 6.45 pm
Glass (E)	3.55 pm, 9.55 pm
Accidental Prime Minister (H)	4.05 pm
Bombairiya (H)	4.50 pm
KGF (K)	6.35 pm
Mikhael (Ma)	9.50 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15 to the film announced here.

Army veterans of 'Operation Vijay' Kargil War felicitated

Dr. Joseph Thomas, Founder and Chairman of Mount Litera Zee School (MLZS), Mysuru and also an Army Veteran, recently invited veterans from the Army who worked with him during Kargil War's Operation Vijay. Brig. Ajit Singh, the true Kargil War Hero (who captured Batalik Post), along with seven other Army veterans, was felicitated in Mysuru tradition by Dr. Joseph Thomas at a function held at MLZS campus recently. Seen are** (from left) **Jiwan Goyal, K.V. Mathew, S.P. Mariappan, Kamlesh Vishwakarma, Brig. Ajit Singh, Dr. Joseph Thomas, Anil Vanparia, K.C. Sorari and Narinder Singh Virk.

Param Vir Chakra decorated soldiers come alive thru pencil sketches

Commemorating Sainik Day, a day-long exhibition of pencil sketches of 55 Param Vir Chakra and Mahavir Chakra decorated soldiers of the nation by artist U.G. Mohankumar Aradhya was organised at Suchitra Art Gallery in Kalamandira premises yesterday. Retired Subedar Major P. Sridhar inaugurated the expo in the presence of retired Sergeant S. Purushottam, District Freedom Fighters Association President Dr. M.G. Krishnamurthy, International sports person Vijay Rajesh and others.

EVENTS TODAY (JAN.21)

Sahara Art and Crafts: Shopping Festival, Exhibition-cum-Sale, Scouts and Guides Grounds, behind DC's office, **up to 9.30 pm.**

Vijayadhwani Pratishtana: Book release — 'Naada Vismithe,' a collection of poems by Sushmita Sukhibhava — by Dr. Kavitha Rai of KSOU, District Kannada Sahitya Parishat Mysuru President Dr. Y.D. Rajanna presides, Marimallappa PU College Principal B.R. Neelakanta and writer, actor and director Hamsaraj chief guests, Rotary Hall, JLB Road, **5.30 pm.**

Suttur Mutt: Monthly moonlight music programme, Music Concert by Vid. Pattabhirama Pandit, accompanied by Vid. Mysore A. Chandan Kumar on flute, Vid. H.S. Sudheendra (mridanga) and Vid. K.U. Jayachandra, Rao. Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji graces the occasion, Mutt premises, foot of Chamundi Hill, **6 pm.**

Sri Krishnadevaraya Tarunara Balaga: Sri Krishnadevaraya 548th Jayanti Utsava-2019, MP Pratap Simha, MLA L. Nagendra, Corporators M.U. Subbaiah and K.V. Sridhar guests, felicitation to Yoga Guru P. Suresh, Dr. Col. M.D. Lokanath (retd.), artist Jetty Madesh Nayaka, Porakarmika Sakamma and gardner Balanaganna, Sri Krishnadevaraya Circle, Vijayanagar 2nd Stage, **6 pm to 9 pm.**

Sri Subramayeshwara Temple Trust, Vishweshwaranagar: 53rd Annual Taipuja Mahotsava-2019 celebrations, Bhajans by Raaga Samvardhini troupe, **6.30 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (JAN.22)

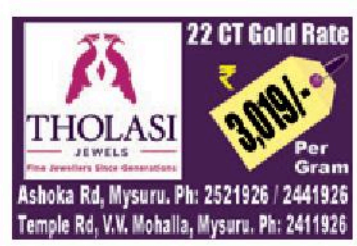
The Hindu: School Science Festival, Ramakrishna Institute of Moral and Spiritual Education (RIMSE), Yadavagiri, **9 am.**

Sahara Art and Crafts: Shopping Festival, Exhibition-cum-Sale, Scouts and Guides Grounds, behind DC's office, **10.30 am to 9.30 pm.**

Bhavani Associates, Mysuru: Workshop on TDS on Salaries & Others, Sheela Sundareshan, Income Tax Officer, TDS Ward-1 Mysuru, delivers the keynote address, M.V. Shankara, Chartered Accountant, Madhavan & Company, Mysuru, speaks, Rotary Children's Library Hall, JLB Road, **10.30 am.**

Yadavagiri Ladies Club: Annual Celebrations, Mayor Pushpalatha Jagannath and Mysore Literary Forum President Shubha Sanjay Urs will be present, Hotel Kalyani, Ring Road, **11 am.**

Sri Subramayeshwara Temple Trust, Vishweshwaranagar: 53rd Annual Taipuja Mahotsava 2019, Anna Santarpane, **12 noon;** Utsava, **6.30 pm.**



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